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THE WEATHER.
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THE NEWS CONDENSED.

Stock market irregular.

Cash wheat, No. 2 red, $1.04¼; cash corn, No. 2 mixed, 37c; cash cotton, 6 3-16c.

CONGRESS.—Great throngs crowded the Capitol yesterday, as some expected that the President's message might be presented. There was no discussion of the Cuban question in the House, but in the Senate Spain was severely arraigned by several orators. Mr. Turner spoke in support of his resolution for a declaration of war; Messrs. Harris and Kenny made stong appeals for the Cubans; Senator Chandler demanded immediate war, and Mr. Turpie denounced Spain and Spanish rule.—Page 3.

FOREIGN.—Arthur J. Balfour, the Government leader in the House of Commons, explained the concessions England has received in China, which include the opening of new treaty ports, trade privileges, and the lease of Wei-Hai-Wei. The colonists of Natal have offered 12,000 tons of coal free to British warships coaling at Durban. A rumor in Paris that ex-Capt. Dreyfus had died on Devil's Island could not be confirmed at the Colonial Office. The High Court of Justice at Leipsic has refused the appeals for a revision of the sentences for lèse majesté imposed on Herr Trojan, editor of the Kladderdatsch, and Dr. Hoffman, editor of the Hamburger Nachrichten. Otto, the mad King of Bavaria, is worse, and may be dying. Sixty-three candidates of the Radical Left were elected in Denmark, giving that party control of the Parliament.—Page 7.

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The purchase by the Government of four steamships of the Morgan Line as auxiliary cruisers was concluded yesterday, and other vessels have been recommended by the Naval Board.

The battleship Texas was storm-bound in the Brooklyn Navy Yard yesterday. She will leave this morning to join the flying squadron, and the Dolphin will leave to join the fleet at Key West. Changes have been made in the two turrets of the Texas whereby gun fire is greatly facilitated.

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The number of victims of the flood at Shawneetown, Ill., is not believed to exceed thirty. The survivors are in destitute circumstances.

George F. Tilton, third officer of the steam whaler Belvidere, says the ice-bound vessels are near Point Barrow. The men are suffering untold privations, and when he left them they did not know that a relief party was on its way.

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East side citizens have taken steps to form an organization called the "Minute Men," and pledge themselves to respond to instant call.

Assistant Secretary Vanderlip says the Treasury Department has been preparing for war since the Maine disaster. The country has $730,000,000 in gold, of which $175,000,000 is in the Treasury.

The Currency Reform Bill prepared by the sub-committee of the House Committee on Banking and Currency was introduced in the House. The suggestion of the Monetary Commission for a Division of Issue and Redemption in the Treasury was substantially incorporated. According to the measure, National banks are permitted to establish branches.

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The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse steamed from Southampton on her last trip, 3,120 knots, in 5 days and 20 hours, beating her maiden trip record by 2 hours and 35 minutes.

State Engineer Adams testified at Albany before the Canal Investigating Commission. He said he was unable to find the memoranda on which his estimates for the improvement were made.

At yesterday's session of the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church a report was adopted demanding the expulsion of Spanish rule from Cuba. There were only three dissenting votes.

The snowstorm yesterday extended over the greater part of the State, and Long Island and New Jersey farmers say that the fruit buds and early crops have suffered badly. The Stamford Line boat Shady Side was damaged in collision with a float in the East River.

Reports that bonds issued by the Cuban insurgents have been lavishly used to purchase the support of American newspapers and public men were denied yesterday by Treasurer Guerra of the Junta. He said that only $100,000 worth have been disposed of, and these for cash, and that he is ready to submit his books to any competent authority.

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Members of the Democratic Club have decided to give a reception in honor of Richard Croker before his contemplated departure for Europe.

Herbert G. Nichols, former manager for Browning, King & Co., who disappeared from Chicago six years ago, was arrested in this city yesterday on the charge of embezzling $150,000.

The Daughters of the Revolution of this State held their annual meeting yesterday at the Tuxedo and elected Mrs. Charles Francis Roe Regent. The "independents" carried everything at the polls.

The City Club Legislation Committee met last night in joint session with the delegates of several other organizations, and adopted resolutions condemning the Eldridge bill. A committee was appointed to appear before Gov. Black at Albany to-day to request his disapproval of the measure.

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Assistant District Attorney Clarke of Brooklyn said that further investigation into the City Works scandals will be dropped.

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Gov. Voorhees announced yesterday that unless war is declared there will not be an extra session of the New Jersey Legislature.

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The Jewish Passover, or Feast of Unleavened Bread, will be ushered in at sundown to-day and continue for eight days.

The Get-Together Club held a meeting and dinner in the Pratt Institute, and addresses were made relating to the problem of the unemployed.

The Governors of the Stock Exchange, at the request of the members and as a measure of precaution, yesterday rescinded their resolution making Good Friday a holiday.

Associate Superintendent Edward G. Ward of Brooklyn Borough schools was elected to succeed William H. Maxwell as Superintendent. W. T. Vlymen was chosen Associate Superintendent.

C. Edward Dowling was arrested in Buffalo yesterday on a charge of having stolen blank stock certificates and railroad passes from the offices of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad in this city.

Counsel for Miss Jessie Tyson produced her in court on a writ of habeas corpus in order to secure her release from a sanitarium, where she says she is confined against her will Miss Tyson says she is sane.

While returning from a coaching trip to Lenhmont Monday evening, John F. Baudouine and his guests were thrown to the ground and the coach overturned by a collision with a trolley car. They were all more or less injured

Justice Cohen has decided that Special Deputy Clerks in the Supreme Court are county officers and exempt from State civil service regulations; that their places are those of confidential relations, and directs the Controller to pay the salary of Clerk Glaser and place his name on the rolls, from which it had been stricken.

At the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment yesterday Mayor Van Wyck sharply criticised the Corporation Counsel's Brooklyn assistants. He voted the salaries for January of the school teachers and janitors in Richmond Borough, but flatly refused an appropriation to pay the administrative department of the Borough School Board.

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SIGSBEE ACCUSES SPAIN.

The Captain of the Maine Attributes Her Destruction to a Submarine Mine.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The importance attached by Congress to the destruction of the Maine was shown to-day when the House Committee on Foreign Affairs had Capt. Sigsbee and several other naval officers and torpedo experts before it to testify concerning the disaster. Capt. Sigsbee's evidence was new in several particulars, and it produced a profound impression on the members of the committee.

He testified, among other things, that the moment the explosion took place, so strong was his belief that it was caused by Spanish agency that he immediately stationed guards about the ship in expectation of another attack. Capt. Sigsbee explained to the committee that the reason he sent his dispatch calling on the people to suspend judgment was because he feared that the fleet then at Key West would bombard Havana.

Capt. Sigsbee declared it to be his opinion that his vessel was blown up by a submarine mine located by the Spanish authorities. As to whether it was fired by the Spanish authorities or not he declined to express an opinion. He told the committee what he had testified to before the board of inquiry about the buoy to which the Maine was anchored being the most unfrequented buoy in the harbor. The position in which the ship was placed, he said, was such that he could have fired upon both forts at the same time.

Wainwright at Key West.

KEY WEST, April 5.—Lieut. Commander Wainwright of the Maine arrived from Havana and left for Washington immediately this afternoon.

Wrecking Tug Returns from Havana.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 5.—The Merritt & Chapman Wrecking Company's tug I. J. Merritt, with the derrick Chief and the schooner P. B. Sharp in tow, arrived this morning from Havana, having suspended work on the wreck of the Maine.

To Dissolve the Maine Court.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The last chapter in the history of the court of inquiry which investigated the loss of the battleship Maine was written at the Navy Department to-day in the form of a letter to Capt. Sampson, commander of the North Atlantic squadron, notifying him that the department had no further instructions to give in regard to the work devolving upon the court, and authorizing him, at his discretion, to dissolve the court, and thus end its official existence.

VARIOUS VIEWS OF MADRID.

What the Correspondents of London Papers Say About the Spanish Situation and War Prospects.

LONDON, April 6.—The Madrid correspondent of The Times says:

"The horizon blackens anew, and Congress is the cloud which grows more imminent. The reported mediation of the Pope sent stocks up yesterday with a rush. To-day they fell back just as swiftly. The London correspondent of the Epoca sees reason for declaring that President McKinley has not communicated with his Holiness, and the Epoca is not an alarmist organ.

"The talk of armistice had done something toward inducing calm, although armistice is admittedly no magic word per se, but a verbal expression for a pact struck by at least two militant parties. To-day it is being remembered that before the armistice projected in Cuba can become an accomplished fact, no fewer than five parties must be consulted in some form or other. These are the United States, the Autonomists of Cuba, the Autonomists of the mother country, the Government of the mother country and the rebels in the field.

"It has been usual of late, perhaps unreasonably usual, to attribute every sinister impression to a jingo source. No imputation whatever of jingoism can be attached to El Liberal, which is ministerial, deliberate, and unsensational, and has loyally stood by the Government in every detail of their procedure until quite recently. To-day El Liberal says it 'fears the ray of light serves only to show the darkness, and that the guiding thread leading the way out of the labyrinth is snapped.'

"The effect of the Cuban Cabinet's manifesto to the insurgents is regarded here as doubtful, for similar experiments have been tried before and unsuccessfully."

The Madrid correspondent of The Times, telegraphing on Monday, after alluding to the "bewildering chaos of conflicting reports regarding Papal mediation," says:

"As yet nothing indicates that the two nations have struck a clear and unanimous accord. The position of affairs may be summed up thus: The news that the Pope may act as a mediator has been received with much relief, but with no little incredulity. It has not been received with enthusiasm, both because it lacks absolute confirmation and because it cannot truthfully be said that Spain is anxious for peace where there is room for suspicion that peace might only mean a postponement of the loss of Cuba.

"For many days past there has been talk of an armistice, which is now being attributed to the Papal scheme of mediation, but the talk should have gone deeper. The stereotyped expression 'peace with honor' is just now the veritable watchword of Spain, but if peace means the sacrifice of her pet colony, or an armistice conducing to that loss, the result in the unswerving opinion of the Spaniards would be national dishonor; and war, external or civil, will be preferred.

"Such is the creed of this country, which professes that it will welcome peace if presented in the sweetness of sincerity, but peace in the form of a gilded pill never. So the questions asked are not so often 'Will there be an armistice?' or 'When will there be an armistice?' as 'What kind of an armistice will it be? Beyond the relief of the reconcentrados, which is but a fragment of the whole mosaic projected, what will be done during the armistice? To whom will the armistice afford serviceable rest, the Spaniards, or the rebels, or the organizers of expeditions? And, since the essence of an armistice is but temporary, what is to be done with Cuba, the United States, and Spain's colonial empire when the armistice shall be ended?'

"These questions must be plainly and authoritatively answered before uneasiness will disappear. If mediation comes, it comes late; whether too late, events will duly show. Passions are running high, while the American Congress—so Madrid has been told—is not a barrier likely to be overridden by a President with a sensible majority at his back. This latter is the reason why to-day El Liberal, speaking fairly for all classes, is eager to hear what Congress will say to the Pope as a peacemaker."

The Madrid correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, telegraphing Tuesday, noting the "pessimist feeling of the press and public of Madrid," gives an interview with a "prominent personage" who declares that there is no need of a formal armistice, as the approaching rainy season will act quite as efficaciously as any armistice.

With reference to the prevalent belief that the United States is delaying matters in order to gain time, the "prominent personage" said: "This is not the view of the Spanish Government, which understands the difficulties and appreciates the motives of President McKinley."

"All the cities, towns, and provinces," says The Daily Telegraph's correspondent, "are contributing largely to the patriotic fund, and the Mayor of Bilbao proposes that the Province of Viscaya should subscribe 5,000,000 pesetas."

OUR CONSULS IN SPAIN.

Consulate at Barcelona Guarded—Resignations at Carthagena.

LONDON, April 5.—A special dispatch from Barcelona says the United States Consulate there is guarded by police, and adds that the United States Consul and Vice Consul at Carthagena, who are both said to be Spaniards, have resigned.

According to the Congressional Directory C. Molina is Consul and Alberto Molina Vice Consul at Carthagena, Spain.

Where It Is Always Afternoon.

The New York Central's Lake Shore Limited leaves New York in the afternoon—reaches Chicago next afternoon, New York Central lines reach

UNCERTAINTY IN MADRID

Conferences of Cabinet Ministers and European Ambassadors Fail of Their Object.

PAPAL INTERVENTION SCHEME

The Spanish Government Admits that the Pope's Mediation Was Not Suggested by President McKinley.

MADRID, April 5.—This has been another day of conferences, Cabinet Ministers and Ambassadors flying back and forth, and many of them, including the British Chargé d'Affaires, calling at the United States Legation. The German and Austrian Ambassadors visited the United States Minister, Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, after which they called on the Queen Regent. The French Ambassador, M. Patenôtre, had a long conference with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Señor Gullon. As far as can be learned these conferences have failed to produce any result tending to lessen the tension in the relations between Spain and the United States.

The Premier, Señor Sagasta, on leaving the palace after an audience with the Queen Regent, announced to the newspaper representatives that the rumors of Cabinet dissensions in regard to the crisis were absolutely unfounded. Señor Sagasta added that no Cabinet Council would be necessary to-day unless fresh information came to hand from Rome or Washington, the Spanish Government to-day having received no dispatches except a telegram from the Spanish Minister at Washington, Señor Polo y Bernabé, giving the tone of American public opinion and diplomatic rumors.

Inner political circles regard the situation as critical. There has been much confusion and discussion in regard to the initiative of the Papal intervention. It may be said on absolute authority that President McKinley has made no suggestion to Spain through any channel except the United States Minister here. The Spanish Government now admits that the United States Government has never asked for or suggested the mediation of the Pope, and regret is expressed that a misunderstanding should have arisen.

The Papal Nuncio, Mgr. Francisca Nava, Archbishop of Catania, had an audience with the Queen Regent this morning. The object of their conference is not known.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Señor Gullon, in an interview says the Spanish Government is expecting the speedy arrival of a note from the Vatican, in which the Pope would indicate the plan he proposes to terminate the present situation. In regard to the possibility of mediation, Señor Gullon said:

"It is recalled that Americans prominently participated in the Pope's Jubilee and presented him with a splendid gift. The Pope was profoundly moved at the great manifestations of respect, and said to them that he eagerly awaited the opportunity to show his recognition. This remark has been regarded by some as indicating an inclination upon the part of the Pope to favor the American side; but this conclusion is easily disproved by the known impartiality the Pope has always displayed in his public acts, and by the intimate friendship he has always exhibited toward Spain. Moreover, the Spanish Government has made his mediation conditional upon the honor and integrity of the territory of Spain being safeguarded. Should the Pope propose an armistice, clearly the insurgents should ask for it. Anyway, whatever may be the plan of mediation, it will comprise the cessation of the war in Cuba."

On being informed of the rise of four points in the price of Spanish fours on the Bourse yesterday, Señor Gullon remarked: "There is no reason for such excessive confidence, any more than there is reason for unreasonable alarm, as the gravity of the situation is unchanged. We must have more light on the situation to see our way clearly."

There is great activity in all the departments here, indicating that important events are imminent. At the United States Legation, Gen. Woodford and his entire staff are busily at work.

The family of the Second Secretary of the United States Legation, J. R. McArthur, started for Paris to-night. Mrs. Woodford held her usual reception this afternoon.

POPE'S EFFORTS FOR PEACE.

His Action Declared to be Based Solely on the Request of Spain.

ROME, April 5.—The Vatican authorities this evening absolutely refused to furnish any information relative to the dispatch which President McKinley is said to have sent to the Pope on the subject of the latter's mediation with Spain, and in which the President was represented as having outlined his views on the Cuban situation. The clerical organ, the Osservatore Romano, is equally silent.

The Pope's initiative is based solely on the fact that Spain, when she asked for the good offices of the powers, also asked for the Pope's good offices. The interposition of the Pontiff has thus far been confined to efforts to bring about an armistice between Spain and the insurgents.

There has been an active exchange of telegrams this afternoon between the Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Señor Gullon, at Madrid, and Mgr. Merry del Val, the Pope's Private Chamberlain, with the view of drawing up, with the consent of the Pope, the exact terms of the armistice for Cuba, which will be proposed, it is said, by the Pope immediately after the terms are drawn up, and the hope is expressed at the Vatican that it will be agreed to by the authorities at Washington. In clerical circles it appears to be understood that President McKinley may bring pressure to bear upon the insurgents to induce them to accept an armistice, and it is understood that the Holy See will then exert similar influence through the Episcopacy in Cuba. It is hoped here that the armistice proposal will be definitely drawn up to-morrow or Thursday.

Spain Makes an Apology.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—A telegram was received to-day from Minister Woodford expressing the regret of the Spanish Cabinet that the erroneous reports had been published that the Pope had agreed to mediate between Spain and the United States at the suggestion of this country.

Havana Expects Papal Mediation.

HAVANA, April 5.—All the newspapers accept the reported mediation of the Pope as a certainty, believing that the danger of rupture is averted. El Diario de la Marina asserts that if peace is secured the firm and warlike attitude of the Spanish people will have much to do with it. In some quarters it is said that the present unsettled condition of affairs is being used by local speculators to make money in sugar and Spanish securities by starting war or peace rumors according as they desire to bear or bull the market.

PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO ROME.

Unable to Overcome the Prejudice Against Papal Intervention.

LONDON, April 5.—A special dispatch from Rome, published here this afternoon, says a telegram received at the Vatican from the United States has announced the failure of the Pope's intervention. It says that President McKinley showed himself [illegible] of the initiative taken by the Pontiff, but it was impossible for him to overcome the prejudice entertained by a majority of the American people against the Vatican's intervention in political affairs.

A special dispatch from Rome says the message from the United States to the Pope, which is alleged to have been sent by President McKinley, added that he was "opposed to war now as in the past, and would still do all possible to avoid having recourse to such a lamentable expedient," which he considered to be "unworthy of civilized countries, but he could not do so against the sentiment of the Nation, which claimed the independence of Cuba, and a cessation of horrors which have been going on for three years in that unhapy island."

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Regarding the intervention of the Pope between the United States and Spain, it can be reiterated that no such proposal has been made to this Government and that if there is to be Papal mediation it must be between Spain and the insurgents, and that any suasion the Vatican can exert should be directed at Madrid. Archbishop Ireland was in Washington last week and urged the President to adopt as pacificatory an attitude as possible, but did not go beyond this.

About 12:30 o'clock to-day Archbishop Ireland called upon Assistant Secretary Day of the State Department, evidently by appointment. The Archbishop remained with Judge Day about a quarter of an hour and, soon after his departure, the Assistant Secretary started for the White House. The Archbishop declined to discuss the purpose of his call, saying it was merely to pay his respects, and showed some annoyance when inquiry was made as to the direction of the Papal influence. While the call renewed the talk about Papal mediation, a very general impression prevailed throughout official circles that no mediation by the Pope and no influence in that direction would be entertained by the United States Government.

MADRID PRESS OPINIONS.

Papal Intervention the Only Hope of Preserving Peace.

MADRID, April 5.—The Imparcial (Independent) remarks to-day that "good effects are produced by mediation between countries," adding, "but Governments must not imagine they can shelter themselves from their responsibilities behind the Pope's august name." Continuing, the Imparcial says:

"It is President McKinley's duty to restrain the jingoes, and it is the duty of Señor Sagasta to avoid slacking Spain's preparations. We think neither the American telegrams nor sound opinion justify the optimist views of yesterday. President McKinley's restraining power is doubtful, and the Pope's task of harmonizing American pretensions with Spain's honor and territorial integrity is difficult.

"Following the Cabinet meeting of last night, a telegram was dispatched to Capt. Gen. Blanco ordering him to adhere strictly to the instructions given him respecting the suspension of hostilities, and it is also reported the Cabinet resolved to maintain its entire answer given to the American pretensions, though rumors are afloat of a division in the Cabinet."

The Globo considers that the "manifesto of the Cuban Government to the insurgents, following the one to President McKinley, decides finally the permanence on the island of the Spanish flag," and adds: "If the American warships remove from the vicinity of the island, the last sparks of the insurrection are extinguishable with the foot."

The Globo also says: "The Spanish Government is awaiting the solution of the event committed to the Pope's hands. Yesterday's interviews of the Ambassadors of France and Austria with Señor Gullon, and also the Nuncio's calls on the German Ambassador and others, were in regard to the Pope's task. Diplomats believe that the official communication offering mediation leaves Rome for Madrid to-day."

The Liberal says it "fears the ray of light serves only to show the darkness, and that the guiding thread leading the way out of the labyrinth is snapped." Continuing, the Liberal remarks: "Amid the conflicting versions of the Papal intervention it is impossible to decide the real truth. One thing is certain—the necessity for ending this ambiguous situation which, if prolonged, ruins Spain as well as loses Cuba. The nation will stand no more delay. Whatever it may be, there must be an immediate solution."

The Correo Español (Carlist) says there is further proof of the Pope's love for Spain in the mediation initiative." Continuing, that paper expresses fear that his Holiness "has embarked upon the hopeless task of trying to arrange peace with America while saving the honor of Spain."

The Epoca (Conservative) prints a laudatory article on the Pope's action, and gently urges the Government to "abandon its reserve by publishing to the world the steps leading to the crisis and the way out of it." The Epoca then points out the difficulties which mediation must encounter, "especially if the President's message reaches Congress to-morrow," and concludes with urging the Government to "consider President McKinley's difficulties."

SPANISH FOURS HAVE A TUMBLE.

Notable Declines in London, Paris, Madrid, and Barcelona.

LONDON, April 5.—On the Stock Exchange to-day American securities opened steady, with an improving tendency. Later, however, prices eased off half a point. Spanish fours opened nominal at 50%, then fluctuated, and later declined to 49½. They closed at 49¼, a net loss of 1¼ from yesterday's closing.

PARIS, April 5.—Spanish fours opened on the Bourse this morning at 51½, against 52 15-16, the closing price of yesterday. They closed at 50 15-16, a net loss of 2 points from yesterday's closing.

MADRID, April 5.—Spanish fours closed to-day at 69.90.

BARCELONA, April 5.—Spanish fours are quoted here at 70.25, against 70.40 yesterday.

Spaniards Cheered by Frenchmen.

MADRID, April 5.—Two companies of artillery and two battalions of Chasseurs sailed for the Canaries to-day. The crew of the French training ship Iphigenie cheered the departing troops, who, with the crowds on the quays, warmly reciprocated, making a Franco-Spanish demonstration.

THE WEATHER.

The local forecast may be found at the top of this page to the right of the title.

The storm which was central on the North Carolina coast yesterday has moved rapidly to the northeastward, and is now central off Cape Cod. The weather still remains cloudy along the entire Atlantic Coast, but will probably clear this morning. The central valleys, the lake regions, and the western slope and plateau are covered by an extensive area of high pressure, and clear weather prevails generally throughout these districts. Rain has fallen in the South Atlantic States and snow in the North Atlantic States and the Ohio Valley. The temperature has fallen in the Central and Lower Mississippi Valley and the districts to the eastward to the Atlantic Coast. It is warmer in the lake regions. Generally fair weather is indicated for Wednesday in all districts east of the Rocky Mountains. Lower temperature will prevail in the South Atlantic States and higher temperature in the Rocky Mountain districts. There will be but little change in the central valleys, the lake regions, and the North Atlantic States. The Mississippi shows a stage at Cairo of 49.7 feet, and has been nearly stationary for the past twenty-four hours. Southward a rise continues, the stage at Memphis being 35.8 feet and at Helena 48.9 feet.

The record of temperature for the twenty-four hours ended at midnight, taken from THE NEW YORK TIMES's thermometer and from the thermometer of the Weather Bureau, is as follows:

	—Weather Bureau.—		TIMES.
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3 A. M.	45	30	34
6 A. M.	47	29	31
9 A. M.	51	26	31
12 M.	50	25	32
4 P. M.	54	27	34
6 P. M.	55	29	32
9 P. M.	51	28	31
12 P. M.	52	28	31

A hundred charming places on Long Island is what is [illegible]

FIRST WAR ORDERS

The Flying Squadron to Move Against the Spanish Flotilla and Fleet.

WILL CAPTURE AND HOLD THE CANARIES.

Capt. Sampson's Fleet Will Co-operate, Placing the Spaniards Between Two Fires.

Blow to be Struck Within Forty-eight Hours—The Coast of Spain Will Then Be Invested and Cuba Invaded.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The flying squadron, under command of Commodore Schley, will move on the Canaries within twenty-four or forty-eight hours. This is the programme of the Navy Department. It is both a reply to the dispatch of the torpedo flotilla and fleet of cruisers toward our shores and preliminary to a decisive blow at the sea power of Spain.

This is the first positive war order issued. Yesterday, Commodore Schley, on the flagship Brooklyn, dropped down the Roads to a point opposite Fort Monroe, in obedience to dispatches from the department, and there awaited the receipt of emergency orders. These were sent to-day, and the commander of the flying squadron now knows that he is to make the first move and will be expected to strike the first blow of the war with Spain. He has announced that he is ready to move at a moment's notice.

It is probable that the squadron will sail within twenty-four or forty-eight hours directly for the Canary Islands, crossing and blocking in its course the path of the torpedo flotilla and of the Spanish cruiser fleet.

The plan of operation, so far as now determined, is as follows: The flying squadron will not await the actual declaration of war, nor the recognition by Congress that a state of war has existed since the blowing up of the Maine, nor even the adoption by the two houses of a resolution authorising the forcible intervention of this country in the affairs of Cuba.

The department and the Cabinet recognize that war is now a question of hours. It may come by to-morrow afternoon; it may be deferred until the next morning; it may even be deferred until Friday; but no one in the Navy Department expects that it will be or can be postponed beyond that.

The department and the Administration are now so confident that it must come within that time that they are preparing to strike the first blow and to make it decisive.

To Capture or to Destroy.

The flying squadron will, therefore, move from Hampton Roads, and if the torpedo flotilla shall have left Porto Grande, in the Cape Verde Islands, it will sail straight for the path the flotilla will take on its journey to Puerto Rico. If it meets the flotilla, the squadron will capture or destroy it. If it meets the cruiser fleet, the squadron will also fight it. It will, whether it meets either of these fleets, proceed to its destination, the Canary Islands. These islands will be made the base of operations of this country against Spain, and they will be captured at once and supplied with coal and munitions for the fleets of the United States.

If the torpedo flotilla should escape the squadron, Commodore Schley has orders to proceed to the Canaries without loss of time in searching the Atlantic for these fugitive boats, and to seize the Canaries as soon as possible and hold them for the purpose in view. From this vantage point the flying squadron will be in position to cut off the torpedo flotilla and the cruiser fleet should they not in the meanwhile put back to Spain. With the flying squadron cutting off their retreat and the fleet under Capt. Sampson sweeping the waters of Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the entire Antilles, it is thought that the Spanish fleet can be caught between the lines and captured.

Co-operation by Capt. Sampson.

A part of the plan consists in the co-operation at once of the fleet under Capt. Sampson with the Flying Squadron, and as soon as the latter starts for the Canaries, Capt. Sampson will sail for Havana, seal up that harbor with a few vessels, and pass on to meet the two Spanish squadrons. It is feared that this part of the programme may miscarry, as it is thought that the Spaniards will put back to their own coasts as soon as they learn of the sailing of the Flying Squadron.

Unless the torpedo flotilla starts back from the Cape Verde Islands at once, its retreat may be cut off; and it is thought that it will not risk moving an inch nearer the American coast with the formidable squadron on the lookout.

Use of the Canaries.

After the seizure of the Canaries the islands will be used as a base of naval operations for two purposes. One of these will be the capturing of Spanish merchantmen. The other will be the harrying of the coast of Spain. The Canaries lie in the track of the ocean traffic of Spain, as nearly all of it is carried on between that country and South America or the Antilles. They are near enough also to intercept the traffic between the northern coast of Spain with the Mediterranean coast and with Africa.

The ports of Santa Cruz and Las Palmas, in the Canaries, have grown to considerable importance in regard to Spanish commerce within the last few years. At both there are good coaling stations and fairly good docking and repairing facilities. Las Palmas was the first objective point of the torpedo flotilla on its voyage to Puerto Rico, as it was also the first stopping point in the itinerary of the cruiser fleet. The capture of these ports would, therefore, be a severe blow to Spain, as it would cut short her coal supply and destroy one of her chief bases of operations. It would also block her ingress and egress to the Mediterranean. From the Canaries also the fleets of the United States could move easily upon operations against the coast of Spain.

A Systematic Attack.

It is the purpose of the Navy Department to cut short the war by a systematic attack upon the entire coast of that country from the Bay of Biscay to the frontier line of France in the Mediterranean, and of the African possessions of the Crown. It is thought that coast defenses are not sufficiently strong to hold first-class vessels in check, and Santander, Carteia, Cadiz, and Barcelona would be among the first objects of attack, the remainder of the coast cities being even less adequately defended.

An effective blockade of the entire Spanish coast, it is thought, is quite practicable, as swift cruisers along her coast line would prevent any vessels from putting to sea from her ports.

Then to Land Troops in Cuba.

After these movements to clear the seas of the Spanish vessels, and give a free field of operations for the American ships, Capt. Sampson will be expected to assist in the landing of several thousand men on the Island of Cuba to aid the revolutionists. This part of the plan, however, is dependent upon the action of Congress. If forcible intervention alone is decided on, it is not thought by military experts that it will be necessary to send a large army to Cuba, especially after the Spanish fleets have been swept from the sea. A small division, or a few regiments, would be sufficient for the purpose, it is thought, or even a naval demonstration at Havana, Matanzas, Sagua La Grande, and Santiago de Cuba.

On the Cuban Coast Towns.

As the Spaniards hold only the coast cities, it is expected that a show of strength before those places would quickly decide the fate of the Republic of Cuba.

If it shall be deemed necessary to invade the island with a large force, this will be conveyed there by Sampson's fleet as soon as the path is cleared of the two Spanish squadrons of torpedo boats and cruisers. It may be done before any decisive naval movements by holding the Florida straits against any possible advance of the hostile fleets, while the transports land the army of occupation at some point near and to the west of Havana.

Interest now centres, however, upon the movements of Commodore Schley's flying squadron, which is ready to sail at a sign. Its movements are laid down in definite orders, and it is probable that the next twenty-four or forty-eight hours will see it sail out of the Roads on its mission against the fleet and coasts of Spain.

AMERICAN EXODUS FROM CUBA.

Gen. Lee Wants the Message Delayed Until They Can Get Out—The Consuls All Called Home.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The position of the Consuls of the United States in Cuba has become so critical and perilous by reason of the strained relations between this country and Spain that the State Department has advised all of them to leave the island immediately. Yesterday the department telegraphed advices as to this inflamed feeling of the Spaniards against our citizens and flag, and warned the Consuls that they should be ready to leave at a moment's notice. This has now been followed by advice to leave at once.

So dangerous has the situation of American citizens become that Consul General Lee has asked that the President's message to Congress be delayed four or five days in order to give him time to get all American citizens out of the island, but this is not thought to be necessary, as several days, it is said, must elapse after the transmission of the message before hostilities can begin, and the Consuls and other citizens of this country will have abundance of time to get away.

A great number of citizens have already left Havana. Dozens are leaving daily. The Mangrove and the Bache have been ordered there for the purpose of bringing away all others who may wish to leave, and it is understood that Consul General Lee has been authorized to hire any ships in the harbor that he can get to assist in the work of transporting Americans to a place of safety.

It is thought that over 1,000 Americans will be eager to leave Havana to-morrow. To care for this crowd there are the Fern, the Bache, and the Mangrove, all Government vessels, and the steamers Olivette and Mascotte. Whether any armed vessel from the Key West squadron will be at hand to-morrow when the exodus begins could not be learned, but it was said at the White House that "all Americans would be well cared for."

The Department of State is especially concerned about the safety of Gen. Lee. He is hated by the Autonomists and Spaniards, and it is thought that his life will be in danger the moment war is declared or seems unavoidable. Every precaution will be taken, therefore, to afford him the protection of an American ship as soon as possible.

A serious difficulty is experienced, however, in his case. He is not a mere Consular representative, but occupies a semi-diplomatic position in Havana, and treats with Blanco, the Autonomists, and the revolutionists. It would hardly be possible, therefore, to withdraw him from Havana until war is actually declared, or until it is decided upon, as his withdrawal would be construed as part of the declaration or commencement of war. Gen. Lee will probably be retained in Cuba as long as Gen. Woodford is retained at Madrid, as to withdraw either would be a severance of diplomatic relations, and a hostile act.

It is not so, however, with most of the other Consuls, and they have been advised to clear out of the country as soon as possible. It is quite probable that to-day there is a general movement of these Consuls toward Havana or the nearest ports where an American ship can be reached, and that by Thursday there will not be any United States Consuls in the island.

Spain Like Turkey or China.

This condition of things is possible, according to a high legal authority in the War Department, only in a country like Spain, or Turkey, or China. If we were going to war with France or England, the safety of the Consuls in those countries would not give this Government any concern. The Consuls could come home or remain at their posts, ceasing, of course, their Consular relations with this country. They would be perfectly safe.

But in Cuba and Spain, where the hatred of the populace it is believed would not be curbed by the Government, even if it were powerful enough to do so, the Consular representatives of this country would not be safe for an hour. This is a terrible commentary upon the civilization of Spain, but this legal authority considers it perfectly just and sustained by a multitude of facts in the recent history of that country. The Consuls have, therefore, been advised that their safety demands their instant retirement from the island and the dominions of Spain.

The step is considered an extraordinary one on the part of the State Department. It is not in accordance with custom in such matters. It is usual for the home Government to advise its Consular representatives that a state of war is imminent or existent, and leave them to rest securely under the protection of the country to whose charge the home country transfers them. For instance, in the Franco-German war, the German citizens in France were intrusted to the protection of the American Consuls, and many of them remained in France during the entire war, and were not molested.

No one would think of doing such a thing in the present instance. To intrust our citizens to England even in this crisis, said this authority, would be considered the height of folly, as no flag would make them secure in the presence of the enraged and uncontrollable Spaniards.

The withdrawal of the Consular representatives, he said, does not mean or indicate war. It merely means, generally, that one country does not care to continue trade relations with another. It is usually considered an unfriendly act, but not necessarily a hostile one. We could withdraw our Consuls from England, he said, without any danger of a rupture with that country. But such is not the case in Cuba. Here this course is a distinct act of hostility. This is because the Consuls there, at least Gen. Lee and a few others at the larger cities, occupy semi-diplomatic relations with the two Governments on the island.

To withdraw them is recognized by the State Department itself as almost an act of war—as just short of actual hostilities.

The course of the department is generally considered as a practical recognition of the near approach of war. And in some quarters it is deemed to be an actually hostile act. The withdrawal of Gen. Woodford is momentarily expected to follow this action in regard to the notification to the Consuls in Cuba.

DAWN OF A FREE CUBA

Opportunity to be Afforded Congress To-day to Carry Out the Will of the People.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE READY FOR PRESENTATION.

Will Recommend Intervention but Not Recognition of the Republic.

Congressmen Express Dissatisfaction with the Plan Outlined, but May Accept It.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—President McKinley's message to Congress on Cuba will go to the Capitol to-morrow at noon. A throng out of all proportion to the capacity of the galleries of the House and the Senate will endeavor to hear it. The desire to be present and to hear the words as they first become public has brought a host of visitors to the city.

Intimations dropped by members of the Cabinet have led to the expectation that the message will be startling. It is believed that it will point to intervention to stop the war by Spain against the insurgents, in the interest of peace and of good government.

The members of the Cabinet are not so outspoken to-night as they were when the President had not so nearly completed his work. A few members of the Senate have heard suggestions about the scope of the message, but no one appears to have read it except the Cabinet members.

Immediate Hostilities Expected.

The startling part of the message, to all who have heard what it is to recommend, is the pretty well supported report that it will lead to war, which will be opened by a naval demonstration against Havana and a movement to capture the Spanish torpedo fleet and take possession of the Canary Islands. It will be in effect a declaration of war against the power that has been found incompetent to rule the Island of Cuba.

To recognize Cuba first, the Administration is understood to argue, would be to establish a Government that would be entitled, once it is recognized, to be consulted by the United States before this Government would be justified in invading it. As the controversy that leads to intervention and invasion is with Spain, the Administration does not propose to ask the assent of Cuba to the policy contemplating coercion to obtain the object in view.

Much Dissatisfaction Expressed.

A great deal of dissatisfaction is found among both Republicans and Democrats in consequence of the report that independence is not to be recommended as a part of the plan of the Administration. Some of this dissatisfaction may be attributed to ignorance of the plan to be revealed by the President. So well has the plan been concealed that only a very few members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs have g

public. These opponents of the policy attributed to the President do not regard as valid the argument that such an invasion would be a violation of the spirit of the Monroe Doctrine.

"In the military branches of the service the message is expected to open the way for action by both the army and the navy. Among some of the members of the House the report that the Navy Department would dispatch the Flying Squadron under Commodore Schley to the Canary Islands is considered to be but a rumor, set afloat to attract the attention of Spain and possibly to divert from the West Indies the fleets now reported to be under way for Puerto Rico and Havana.

The Navy Ready to Move.

"If it is a movement in good faith," said a naval officer to-night, "it is war before war is declared." But the same officer said that if the navy could have been authorized a week ago to begin playing the game of war that they have practiced on paper for years many advantages might have been secured by movements that may now be too late to be tried as experiments.

The positive feeling in the Navy Department about the character of the message is one of the most comforting indications to the men who are disposed to be dissatisfied that they can find to-night. Officers of the navy are assuming that the message will contain language sufficient to justify Spain in assuming that war must be declared in consequence. The orders to Key West are spoken of by well-informed officers as contemplating an immediate descent upon Havana with all the force at the disposal of Capt. Sampson. The fleet is in readiness. The officers and men are impatient to act. The department is confident that the men and the ships will render a good account of themselves if they are permitted to strike while the men are in their present humor.

NO CUBAN INDEPENDENCE YET.

Reasons for the President's Policy of Simple Intervention for the Present.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Until the President's message shall be in the hands of the Senate and the House of Representatives it will be subject to change, but it is the opinion of a prominent Senator and friend of the President that it will not undergo any material change between to-night and to-morrow at noon. The desire to communicate its purpose has been great among those who have knowledge of the conclusions reached by the President. But they have been urged, with many injunctions, to refrain from talking, for prudential reasons, suggesting that the faint hope of a peaceful settlement lives in the breast of the President even on the verge of war.

The Senator referred to explained to-night why, as he understands the matter, the President is disinclined to recognize the independence of the Cuban Republic.

According to this Senator, the position of the Administration is that there has been sufficient provocation by Spain to justify intervention by the United States. It is set forth that the provocation is not new. It has extended over a long period, antedating even the revolution lasting from 1868 to 1878. Blood has been shed, while Spain has oppressed the people of its colony, who were intimately related in a commercial way with the people of the United States, who have borne a share in the resulting misgovernment, business paralysis, and commercial loss.

Spain's course, the President and his advisers hold, has been maintained in spite of the objections of Cuba and the United States. Excessive burdens of taxation, ignorance perpetuated and made almost impossible to overcome, and expensive government, conducted by corrupt and heartless Spanish officials, have reduced Cuba to beggary and have tended to destroy all hope of better opportunity for the individual and eventual independence for the people. Spain's promises, even those wrung from her in 1878 by the treaty which brought the last rebellion to a close, have been proved to be as hollow and insincere as the diplomacy which Minister De Lome represented and aptly illustrated.

No jingo in either house of Congress is a more ardent Cuban sympathizer, it is said by a member of the Cabinet, than is President McKinley; and while Congress has been urging for months the recognition of the belligerency of the insurgents and the existence of a republic in Cuba, the President has been seeking for facts that would justify him in recognizing a Government. He has found some more convincing than were discovered by President Grant when he refused, much against his personal wishes, to give the recognition that was then demanded by the sympathizers in the United States with the struggling advocates of free Cuba on that distracted island.

The President, it is understood, reached the conclusion, after hearing all sides—the advocates of recognition of belligerency and independence, the believers in the ultimate success of the plan of autonomy lately attempted to be established, and the representatives of Cuba who have described the Government of President Masso—that Cuba has no Government except that of Spain, and that the Government of Spain is intolerable from any point of view. With that conviction, and having a sense of responsibility before the people of the United States about attempting to rid Cuba of a bad Government without being sure that it would not at once after Spain had been dislodged, be without any Government at all, he has decided that intervention by the United States will impose the obligation in the estimation of all civilized people to see that a stable Government for Cuba was provided before there can be justifiable recognition of that Government.

The President has been reminded by those with whom he has taken counsel that this will not altogether satisfy the men of both leading parties who have committed themselves to independence. These men have been informed that the last diplomatic representation to Spain, made a week ago, insisted upon Cuban independence as an indispensable prerequisite to an agreement on the whole question. But whether the President made so strong a representation as that or one less positive, he has concluded that he cannot demand independence or the recognition of a Government about the existence of which, as a fact in the eye of international law, he has so grave a doubt. He may appear to be inconsistent, but he is more anxious to be right than he is to win a reputation for consistency. His Cabinet officers, almost without exception, have been won over to his view, and they consider it not only consistent, but vigorously strong and sound.

Great advantage is to be gained by the Cubans, the Administration holds, by the determination of the United States to intervene without recognizing the Republic of Cuba. The President and Congress will be free to act together, once Cuba is freed from the presence of Spanish forces, to contribute such aid as may be sought by Cuba for the establishment of a government upon a broad, liberal, and humane basis. Bringing that freedom to the Cubans that they could not expect to achieve unaided for many years, it is believed by the Administration that the insurgents and the autonomists, and, in fact, all persons whose interests will constrain them to remain on the island, will be glad to unite in adopting a form of government that will be as free from reprisals as it will be from oppression.

The necessity of restraining the passions of the victorious insurgents has been admitted by many of the most ardent Cubans and friends of Cuba. To stand by the Cubans until they can stand alone will, it is argued, be to discharge a duty to them and to ourselves. To abandon a partly fledged republic to possible anarchy and its distressing incidents would be to incur odium as deserved as that for which we will expel Spain from the island.

PRESIDENT'S PLAN OPPOSED.

Congressmen Say Intervention and Recognition Must Go Together.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The rumor of the President's intention to recommend armed intervention in Cuba without recognition of the independence of the Cuban Republic completely changed the current of talk about the Capitol to-day. It injected a new element into the situation, and one which instantly promised division where there had been comparative unity, the Democrats immediately arraying themselves against the proposition, and the members of the President's own party not being united in its favor. The rumor bore such marks of authenticity that it was accepted generally as true, though the theory was submitted to by more than one member that the story had been put out by the Administration with a view to sounding the sentiment of Congress on the subject.

The proposition was so much of a surprise to most of the Senators and Representatives that they were indisposed to discuss it. Many of them frankly admitted that they did not understand the real meaning of the proposal. In many quarters, the plan of intervention without independence was characterized as an annexation scheme, and it was an idea apparently that the Democrats rose up in arms against it. A member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, a Republican and an ardent advocate of a vigorous policy in the present contingency, speaking of the President's alleged policy, said:

"There seems to be a general misapprehension of the meaning of intervention without independence. There is no opposition to the freedom of the Cubans. We all agree that they should be free, and we are working to that end. But the President, as I take it, holds that there is no de facto Cuban Government, and therefore no Cuban Republic to recognize. For this country to drive the Spaniards off the island without first having recognized the independence of the insurgents would be a natural step, it seems to me, in the direction of annexation. If we clear off the present nominal owners of the island without conceding the ownership to those who are now fighting for it, who do ourselves would there be to take it? I am not an annexationist myself, but if you scratch an advocate of intervention without recognition you are pretty certain to find an annexationist."

A Democratic member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, who declined to allow the use of his name, said that the impression produced on the House by the suggestion of intervention without recognition of Cuban independence was decidedly unfavorable. "It looks too much like annexation," he said, "and I do not believe a majority of the members of the House want that, though the Republicans might accept it as a matter of party policy, if the President recommends it.

"As a matter of fact, the real inspiration toward war with Spain in the minds of the Representatives here and of the people is the Maine affair, and the President took that out of our hands by his message on the report of the court of inquiry. We cannot consistently say that we are fighting Spain to punish her for the destruction of the Maine and wind up by gobbling Cuba for ourselves. If we go to war over Cuba without recognizing the insurgent Government, we will sacrifice the moral prestige we have so far held among the nations for our unselfishness and lax ourselves open to the charge of being actuated by a desire for territorial aggrandizement."

Representative Bailey, leader of the Democrats in the House, defined his party's position on the question when he said: "I am unalterably opposed to intervention of any kind in Cuba without the previous recognition of the independence of the Cuban Republic."

Half a dozen Senators and Representatives who were asked for their views on the supposed plan of the President averred that at first blush they failed to see the wisdom of the proposition, adding, however, that the scheme might have more in it than they could see so far. There were enough expressions during the day, however, to indicate that if the President expects to have the policy he points out in his message receive the support of both parties in Congress he will have to provide for recognition as well as intervention.

NOT A QUESTION OF SYMPATHY.

Senators Oppose the Recognition of Cuban Independence.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The following is given out as a presentation of the views of Senators who think that it is inexpedient at this time to acknowledge the independence of Cuba:

"The recognition of the independence of a new Government is the recognition of a fact, not an expression of sympathy. As Gen. Grant said, the question is one not to be decided by sympathy for or prejudice against either party. When a nation is recognized as having a separate and independent existence the recognizing nation might assume toward the new power all the duties and relations that it bears to any other friendly power on the face of the earth. It admits its right to govern itself and its right to make such alliances and treaties with other nations as it might see fit.

"From the days of President Jackson to the present time every President of the United States who has had occasion to consider the subject has taken this view of the public law governing the recognition of a new power. During the war of the rebellion the Southern Confederacy may be said to have had a completely organized form of government—a President, Congress, States with separate autonomy, civil law administered by courts—yet this Government protested with the utmost vigor against the right of other nations to recognize it as a separate and independent nation, and successfully.

"No one will pretend to say that the status of the Republic of Cuba has ever approached anything like the condition of perfection in the way of government that the Southern Confederacy attained. It has no seaports, no United States Consul or consular agent has ever come in public contact with a single member of this Government. It has not, as a matter of fact, controlled the island of Cuba. It does not possess authority in a single city of any importance. It has no seaport nor a ship; it lacks the possession of almost every element that is necessary to constitute an independent State. It lacks the vital essential of an independent State—that is, independence.

Gen. Jackson and the Case of Texas.

"Gen. Jackson refused to recognize the independence of Texas so long as there was a doubt of reconquest by Mexico, although the Mexican forces had entirely withdrawn from it territory.

"Then there is the argument of expediency. Why is it necessary, in order to intervene in Cuba and bring peace and order and good government to the island, to let the present so-called republic be immediately recognized? If the United States recognizes the independence of the republic it confers upon it all the rights of an independent nation so far as we are concerned, and requires all who have operations in Cuba to submit themselves to the wishes and control of the republic, and of those who control it. It might be that when all the facts were understood and a form of government adopted by the Cuban Republic were inspected, the nature of its laws understood, the extent of its domination ascertained, the Government of the United States would deem it to be proper and just to recognize its stability and independence. On the other hand, it might be possible that the government now alleged to exist under the name of the Republic of Cuba is not such a government as is capable of bringing stability and power to the island of Cuba, and that there ought to be set up another form of government that would have the confidence of the people of Cuba, who would guarantee to the United States the tranquility and security which we are seeking.

Recognition Might Prove Embarrassing.

"If the United States is to intervene for the pacification of Cuba it should do so free handed; it should not tie itself fast to a form of government which afterward may prove an impediment to those reforms which ought to be effected in the island. The United States ought to be free to insist upon such a government as will be of practical advantage to the United States, not by way of annexation, but in those matters of commercial advantage which, from the location of the island and the relations of this country to it, we ought to expect. If we recognize the independence of this Government now it is free to grant us those privileges or to deny them to us. If it denies them when we think we are entitled to them, we can only get them by the assertion of force, which certainly would be embarrassing. Looking at it from the standpoint of our own interests, and not from the standpoint of the interests of those who are supporting the Cuban Republic, every argument and every consideration favors a course which will leave this Government free to deal with the future of the island as its interest may dictate when the time comes. Of course there will be independence in the island. The retention of the Spanish sovereignty there is not apt to be thought of. All that the people of the United States should consider is that it should go into the subject from the best vantage ground and without being handicapped and embarrassed by recognition, which is premature and may prove embarrassing.

"As a matter of Constitutional law the right of recognition of a foreign Government pertains to the Executive power, who must receive ministers and other foreign agents, who can make treaties and who can nominate representatives of this Government at foreign ports. The Executive has it in his power at any time when the facts justify it and the interests of the United States require it to recognize the independence of the Cuban republic, or any other nation which may set itself up and establish itself securely. To acknowledge how the independence of Cuba would, as a matter of fact, alienate from us the sympathy of every European nation.

Not Right in International Law.

"The diplomats of the governments of Europe are well acquainted with the principles of international law, and know as a matter of public law that the facts do not justify at present such recognition. It is not enough to say that we do not care for the opinion of their governments. It is not pleasant to be put in a position where Americans cannot justify public acts of their Government, and yet if this recognition takes place there is not a lawyer in the country who has any knowledge of international law who can defend it. Why do it? What is to be accomplished by it? Whom will it serve? It will not assist in the work of intervention nor in the pacification of the island, nor in the obtaining of any just satisfaction which this Government has a right to demand from Spain. It will not make our task easier, but more difficult. Of course the immediate representatives of the present Cuban Government will be gratified. They ought to be. It ought not to be done on the ground that every people struggling for independence should be recognized and helped, because this is not really the best method of helping the people of Cuba, who have been oppressed and tyrannized.

"As we said above, the recognition of the independence of a State is a matter of fact and not an expression of sympathy. An expression of sympathy ought not to have that form. Our sympathy for the struggling patriots of Cuba will be expressed in active intervention, more in deeds than in words; and the question of the real Government there can be determined when we understand better what we want. We are in the dark now. When we have more light and more knowledge and a better understanding, we can better decide."

PRESIDENT'S VIEWS REPORTED.

Congressman Barrows Writes About a Recent Interview.

BOSTON, April 5.—Congressman Barrows recently had a confidential talk with President McKinley, and repeated it in a letter to a friend here. He writes:

"He wished to avert war. We ought not to have war unless immutable principles of justice demand it. He knew that Spain did not want war. He outlined a plan for representative government in Cuba under Spanish sovereignty, a plan more liberal than that which Canada enjoys, as liberal as any State under the sovereignty of the United States.

"He told me how he had felt the pressure of the atmosphere of this crisis. He is calm, serious, but as genial as ever, and hardly shows any trace of the great strain that is upon him. The war spirit in the East is slight compared with that in the West. This most critical question may be decided by many Congressmen on the grounds of mere political expediency."

OHIO'S ASSEMBLY FOR WAR.

President McKinley Attacked, and a War Appropriation of $1,000,000 Made by the State.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 5.—Representative Swingle's resolution indorsing the Cuban policy of President McKinley was bitterly attacked to-day. Representative Bracken denounced President McKinley as cowardly and his course as uncertain and incompetent.

"He has not even obeyed the will of even his own party," he declared. "Otherwise there would be 100,000 people alive and well to-day instead of being in the stinking trenches of the dead at Havana and Matanzas. The sinking of the Maine has been forgotten. The flag of our National honor has been dragged through the slime of disgrace."

Gen. Wiley, a wounded officer of the late war, made a ringing speech against the adoption of the resolution, and then introduced a joint resolution declaring it to be the sense of the Ohio General Assembly that the destruction of the Maine is just cause for a declaration of war against Spain.

The resolution was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The Senate this afternoon passed the bill appropriating $1,000,000 to place the State on a war footing.

ARMISTICE SCHEME A FAILURE.

The United States Refused to Withdraw Its Fleet from Key West.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The statement was made to-day by a public man in close touch with the Administration that the effort to secure a settlement of the war between Spain and the insurgent Cubans through an armistice had come to a definite conclusion and failure, and that the fault was due to the refusal of the Government of the United States to remove its fleet from Key West. According to this statement Spain made removal a condition precedent to her offering an armistice, with the end in view of granting the independence of Cuba, and when the proposition was brought to the attention of the Administration it was met with a refusal, though not until after it had been considered seriously.

The Congressional opponents of a war policy, who had counted upon the acceptance of this condition by the United States, assert that the outlook for peace has grown almost hopeless since this determination was reached.

Engineers Leave Willets Point.

WHITESTONE, L. I., April 5.—Twenty-two enlisted men of Company A, Engineer Corps, left the post at Willett's Point at noon to-day on the steamboat General Meigs. Twelve privates under Sergt. Burke and Corp. Reise were bound for Sandy Hook to reinforce the engineers now there and aid in the completion of the work at that point. Seven privates and one non-commissioned officer were bound for Fort Delaware for work at that point on the defenses of Philadelphia. It is supposed here that they will take up that duty at their new posts. The commissioned officers are already at the forts. It is expected other commissioned officers and other details will leave Willetts Point within a few days. To-night it was said that orders concerning Company C of the Engineer Corps had arrived, but that they would not be made known by Major Knight until morning. Three cavalry companies are said to be en route to this place to man Willetts Point as dismounted cavalrymen and be exercised in handling the great guns by artillerymen from Fort Slocum.

Wheat Advances in Odessa.

LONDON, April 6.—A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Odessa says that owing to the American war scare the price of wheat is rapidly rising there, the stocks being small.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Resolutions on International Situation to be Considered To-day.

These resolutions will be presented at the April meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to-morrow by the Executive Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York will as in the past never fail, when the Republic calls, to stand by the common cause in a spirit of patriotic devotion and self-sacrifice. It will always recognize as its own the interests and the honor of the country.

It heartily sympathizes with the efforts of the people of Cuba to secure the blessings of civil liberty and good government. It deplores their sufferings, and stands ready to do its full share in alleviating their distress. It earnestly hopes that abundant and effective aid may be afforded them by peaceful means.

It does not shrink from the troubles, sacrifices, and afflictions which war brings with it, whenever war is imperatively demanded by the safety or the honor of the Republic. But it believes that war, with its inevitable horrors and miseries, when wrought on without compulsory necessity, is not only a calamity, but a crime, a crime from which the human conscience must revolt.

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York therefore most heartily espouses the pacific policy so wisely, patiently, and long pursued by the President of the United States, and it calls upon the representatives of the people to sustain and aid the President in his patriotic endeavor to secure justice to our suffering neighbors, while at the same time preserving the inestimable boon of peace to our own country.

WAR INSURANCE RISKS QUIET.

Marine Underwriters Stiffen Rates to Delay Sailings.

Marine underwriters yesterday answered most inquiries in regard to rates insuring against the war hazard by quoting stiff charges, 10 per cent. in many cases being asked. Little business was written at this figure, and the companies welcomed the full, as they termed it. One underwriter said yesterday that they preferred to know the contents of the President's message before assuming many further war liabilities.

Neutral bottoms, sailing immediately, were the most easily placed, but there was a general tendency to so stiffen the rates as to postpone for twenty-four hours the sailing of American bottoms wherever possible. Spanish vessels between the Gulf ports and Europe were written at the rate which has largely prevailed for the last ten days.

REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE MOTION.

Approves the President's Course in the Spanish Crisis.

The Board of Directors of the Real Estate Exchange, at its regular monthly meeting yesterday, sent by telegraph to President McKinley a resolution expressing the board's approval of his course in the recent negotiations with Spain and pledging its support in any course he may deem advisable.

Copies of the telegram were also sent to Vice President Hobart and to Speaker Reed.

Brooklyn Women to the President.

"The Declaration of Independence" was discussed at the regular meeting of the Brooklyn Woman's Republican Union League, held in the reception rooms of the Johnson Building yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Kate Bostwick, President of the league, presided, and Mrs. George F. Wales was the principal speaker. At the close of the discussion resolutions praising President McKinley's policy in the present crisis were unanimously adopted and forwarded to the President. The resolutions express the league's grateful recognition of "the dispassionate judgment, the great wisdom, and calm restraint with which the interests of the Nation are being administered by President McKinley."

Harlem Democratic Club to Gen. Lee.

The Harlem Democratic Club yesterday forwarded to Consul General Lee a strong resolution indorsing his conduct in the present trying period in Cuba, and assuring him of the continued loyalty and affection of the club. Gen. Lee is personally acquainted with most of the members, having spoken at the club banquet on April 2, 1890.

Offer of Hudson County Merchants.

The Hudson County Merchants' Protective Association of Jersey City yesterday sent to President McKinley a telegram pledging the association to contribut $500, to be used in equipping soldiers from New Jersey should war be declared. The association also heartily indorsed President McKinley's policy and action.

HOUSE COMMITTEE UNDECIDED.

Republicans Likely to Agree and Follow President McKinley.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Among the Republicans of the House there seemed a marked conflict of opinion as to whether in the event the President recommends intervention only and not the recognition of the independence of Cuba, they will accede to his view of the question. The same conflict exists among the Republicans in the Foreign Affairs Committee. The leaders are extremely anxious that if possible there be unity of action between the Executive and Congress and those who are now strongly insisting that Cuba has won her independence and should be recognized may be convinced by the President's message that the United States should not go beyond intervention. Some of the radicals who engaged in the movement to force immediate action seemed still inclined to discredit the report that the President will not recommend the recognition of independence.

They say that their interviews with him strongly impressed them with the belief that the purpose of the Administration was the accomplishment of the independence of the republic. Many seem indifferent as to what form the recommendations or argument of the message may take. They consider that intervention and independence are practically equivalent in that both will bring the question between Spain and the United States to an immediate issue. The Democrats have conferred during the day and seem united upon independence, both in the Foreign Affairs Committee and in the House. If the resolutions finally presented to the House are only for intervention, Mr. Bailey will doubtless present a proposition in the nature of a substitute or amendment for the recognition of Cuban independence.

In the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House Mr. Smith of Michigan and Mr. Heatwole of Minnesota (Republicans) are for independence, and Mr. Adams of Pennsylvania, Mr. Cousins of Iowa, Mr. Gillett of Massachusetts, and Mr. Henry of Indiana for intervention, if the President makes that recommendation, and Mr. Quigg of New York and Mr. Pearson of North Carolina are in doubt.

The solid Democratic minority will be for independence, with Mr. Newlands (Sil. Rep.) in doubt. In the committee, therefore, if a vote were taken on this showing those in favor of independence would be numerically in the majority, but it is more than likely that the Republicans will decide among themselves upon their action in advance, and abide by the decision of the majority. In this event, of course, the advocates of following the President's lead would control.

Mr. Hopkins, Chairman of the committee appointed by the "reconcentrados," as those Republicans who are pressing for immediate action are now called, will call upon the President to-morrow morning early and ascertain if the message is to be sent in to-morrow. If not what reason exists for further delay, in order that he may be able to report to the conference that meets at 11 o'clock.

Representative Hitt of Illinois, Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, is confined to his home by illness, and there is no prospect that he will be able to attend the sessions of the committee of the House this week. This is regarded as unfortunate, but Mr. Adams of Pennsylvania, the acting Chairman, has had diplomatic experience as Minister to Brazil during the Harrison Administration, and is regarded as fully capable of handling the resolutions dealing with the Cuban question when they are presented to the House.

Representative Quigg said to-day that Spain would be held responsible for the destruction of the Maine. He is in favor of reporting a resolution instructing the President to drive Spain from the Western Hemisphere. "I think there should be concerted action between the Executive and the two Houses of Congress," said he. "The President should call both committees to the White House and read the message to them. The message should hold Spain strictly accountable, and the answer of Congress should be a resolution directing him to drive Spain from the Western Hemisphere. That resolution should be reported to both houses to-morrow immediately after the message goes in, and passed without debate."

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THE AUXILIARY FLEET

Purchase of Four Steamers of the Morgan Line Concluded by the Government.

OTHER VESSELS RECOMMENDED

Their Crews May Be Retained and Enlisted Under the One-Year Clause — The American Liner St. Louis.

The steamships El Rio, El Sol, El Sud, and El Norte of the Morgan Line were yesterday afternoon purchased by the Government for use as auxiliary cruisers in the navy.

El Sol was loaded and had steam up ready to sail on her regular trip to New Orleans at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when orders were received to detain her, and work was immediately begun transferring her cargo to the steamer Excelsior of the same line. The work was carried on all night, and the Excelsior will leave port this morning. The steamer El Norte arrived yesterday from New Orleans, and as soon as her cargo has been discharged the two vessels will be given in charge of the Navy Department. El Sud is now en route for this port, due to arrive to-morrow. El Rio is in New Orleans, but will be here or at Norfolk in a few days.

Precisely what disposition will be made of the vessels in order to fit them for auxiliary cruisers is not known, but at least two of them will, it is said, be taken to the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The prices paid for them could not be ascertained, the Morgan Line officials refusing to give any information further than that the vessels had been acquired by the Government.

The Dominion Line Vessels.

Of the three Old Dominion Line vessels selected for purchase, the Jamestown left at 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Norfolk. She will arrive there to-day, and may be purchased and taken direct to the Navy Yard. The Princess Anne arrived here yesterday afternoon, and the Yorktown is lying at the foot of Ninth Street. General Manager Williams of the line said yesterday afternoon that the vessels had not yet been sold, and he could not say positively whether they would be purchased.

The Kansas City, the crack vessel of the Savannah Line, which has also been recommended as an auxiliary cruiser, left for Savannah at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Negotiations had not been completed for her purchase, but as her run is a short one she can be called for at any time.

Although the Naval Board on Monday recommended the immediate purchase of the Red "D" Line steamships Caracas and Venezuela it was said yesterday at the offices of the board that negotiations for acquiring them were not decisive, and two other vessels may yet be substituted for them. Both are crack vessels of their class and are understood to fulfill every requirement as to construction and general interior fittings, but the question of their purchase is for some unascertainable reason in abeyance. The Caracas sailed at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Central and South American ports. As the cruise will consume some time her departure is taken as an indication that she at least will not be included in the fleet of ten vessels wanted for immediate delivery.

The Naval Board yesterday made a further inspection of the Maine Steamship Company's steamship John Englis, and it is thought probable that she will be purchased in place of the Panama. The John Englis is but little more than a year old, having been built in December, 1896, and is considered one of the finest vessels in the coasting trade. She is of steel throughout, 290 feet long, 46 feet in beam, and 21 feet in depth, with a tonnage of 3,095. She is fitted with three-cylinder, triple-expansion engines and double bottoms.

It is not definitely known what vessel, if any, will be substituted for the Venezuela. There are better vessels than the Venezuela of the same tonnage available, but the Navy Department may insist on securing a somewhat larger craft.

The Illinois Recommended.

It was understood yesterday that the Naval Board had recommended the steamship Illinois of the International Navigation Company. The latter is an old vessel, but is still stanch and serviceable. She is of iron, 340 feet long, 43 feet in beam, and 32 feet deep, with a tonnage of 3,163. Her engines are of the three-cylinder, triple-expansion pattern.

Unusual activity was displayed yesterday by the members of the board. Negotiations were again resumed with the Morgan Line for the purchase of the steamer Chalmette for use as a repair vessel, and she was further inspected. The board was desirous of inspecting the Miami of the Lone Star Line, but found that she was not in port. She has been inspected more than once, but her further consideration is due, it is said, to the determination of the Government to secure her for use as a distiller ship.

It was said that in case of the purchase of the vessels now finally recommended the crews will probably be enlisted under the one-year clause, and retained on the several vessels. The Captains will, in all probability, be kept as executive officers, with a naval officer in command. The crew of each vessel named in the new fighting fleet will be increased about 20 per cent.

The Naval Auxiliary Board, which remained in session until after 6 o'clock yesterday evening, was in frequent consultation throughout the day with officers of the American Line, and despite the assurances of the latter that the St. Louis will leave on schedule time to-day, there was a persistent rumor afloat that negotiations were in progress for the immediate purchase by the Government of the St. Louis and St. Paul, and that at the last minute the St. Louis may be detained to-day. The price offered for the two vessels, it is said, is $4,000,000.

MOLE ST. NICHOLAS CLOSED.

Haiti to Preserve Neutrality at the Coaling Station in the Event of War.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The Administration is receiving notice that it cannot expect to avail itself of the coal supply at stations in neutral territory in the event of war. It was informed this morning by the Haitian Minister that in this event the coaling station at Mole St. Nicholas would be closed to the ships of this country. This, it is said, is one of a number of similar notices from foreign Governments whose coalings stations have been used by our ships in the West Indies, the Lesser Antilles, and along the coasts of South and Central America.

The Mole St. Nicholas is on the western end of the Island of Haiti, and in the Windward Passage, between that island and Cuba. It has long been desired by this Government as a coaling station and as a naval base. Negotiations have been conducted at various times for its purchase, but they have always met the fate of every other effort on the part of the Government to buy important strategic points for just such times of peril as the present. To make the mole available in time of war it would have to be protected by an adequate force of ships in order to be kept open for use by our own vessels, but in a war with Spain there is no other point, in the opinion of a number of naval authorities, that would be so desirable as a base for supplies and naval movements.

From the latest reports received by the Navy Department there cannot be a very large supply of coal at the mole, as generally there is only a very limited supply on hand at that point, and frequently this is allowed to dwindle to nothing. It is probable, therefore, that the United States will not lose much of an advantage by being denied the privilege, which international law would of itself deny to our war vessels, of coaling at the Mole St. Nicholas.

If the mole were open to both nations alike it would soon be available to our ships only, as the Spanish fleets in Cuban waters are not strong enough to hold the entrance to the bay. But the Navy Department has long since discounted the closing of neutral stations. This was a natural consequence of war, and it has prepared for the emergency. The vessels of the United States would be in far better condition than those of Spain, as they would have within easy steaming distance an inexhaustible supply of coal, while Spain's supply is limited, even in her own territory, and this territory would be very remote from the probable field of the operation of her fleets.

THE DIOGENES AND SOMERS.

They May Not Be Able to Leave England Before Friday—Now to Load Ammunition.

LONDON, April 5.—Lieut. John J. Knapp took command of the new American cruiser Diogenes to-day, transferring the command of the new American torpedo boat Somers to Acting Ensign C. W. Haselton. The Diogenes will proceed to Weymouth to-morrow, and the two vessels will sail for New York together.

It is feared they will be unable to start before Friday, as the Diogenes must take on a cargo of ammunition at Weymouth. The German crew that brought the Somers from the Schihau yards will be replaced by an American crew.

Lieut. Commander Colwell, the United States Naval Attaché here, has been working day and night for six weeks, and is almost broken down. He will be obliged to leave London immediately to recuperate.

MUNITIONS SAFELY SHIPPED.

Schwartzkopp Torpedoes from Germany—The Somers at Weymouth.

BERLIN, April 5.—All of the purchases made by Lieut. Commander A. P. Niblack, the United States Naval Attaché here, in Germany and Austria have been safely shipped. The war materials consist mainly of Schwartkoop torpedoes, which are to be fired from vessels. They have proved to be the most efficient in the Germany Navy.

Commander Niblack has received many offers of vessels and materials, including North German Lloyd steamers. But the ships offered will not be finished for months, so the negotiations were dropped.

The torpedo boat Somers, purchased in Germany, was experimentally fitted with a quadruple expansion engine, as likely to save the most coal. It has been successfully tested. Spain has not purchased any vessels in Germany.

WEYMOUTH, England, April 5.—The United States torpedo boat Somers arrived here yesterday, and, it is said, will coal and start immediately for New York.

TO COMMAND THE NAVAL FORCE

Rear Admiral Walker May Be Appointed—Work on the Auxiliary Fleet Nearing Completion.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Secretary Long had to-day a conference with Rear Admiral Walker and Capt. Barker of the Naval Strategic and Army and Navy Boards. This conference again started the rumor that Admiral Walker was to be appointed to command all the naval forces of the United States in the Atlantic. It is entirely within the prerogative of the President to assign him to this duty, and it is believed by a number of officers that this will be done in the next few days. If so, Admiral Walker would have his headquarters in this city, very probably, and issue orders from here to the various fleets and squadrons. Washington would then become the general headquarters of the war, and the centre of activity.

The Construction Bureau is busier than ever in rushing the work of refitting ships recently bought, and in hurrying up the builders who are behind with their contracts. As a result of such stimulus, several boats that would probably have been lingering in dock and ship yards for weeks to come, are announced as almost ready, while a number have been turned over to the navy for service. The transformation of the yachts recently bought into torpedo boats has gone on so rapidly that nearly all of them are now on their way to join the squadron at Hampton Roads and Key West. Officers who were a few days ago assigned "with" these craft—this is, to go to the place where they were being repaired and watch them grow up and be ready to take charge of them—have to-day been ordered "to" them; that is, in command of them.

The Princeton, which has been on the ways so long that people have for some time regarded her as one of the veterans of the navy, is announced as practically ready, and she will be added to the active fleet this week. She will be a valuable addition to the effective fighting force of the navy. It is probable that she will go to Key West, as it now seems probable that the flying squodran will not be in its present station more than forty-eight hours, if so long.

The revenue cutters are nearly all now included in the regular navy, having been turned into torpedo boat destroyers and gunboats. Most of them are at Hampton Roads with the flying squadron, and are reported to be in excellent condition and trim for sharp fighting. Two of the cutters are in the lakes, and the department is desirous of moving them through the Welland Canal before it is closed by operation of international law, upon the outbreak of hostilities. The canal is not open now, because of some alterations that are marking in the locks, but the Navy Department is informed that the cutters can be brought through it at any time. It is probable, therefore, that they will be transferred from the lakes to the Atlantic Coast within the next few days.

The four Morgan Line vessels, El Norte, El Sud, El Rio, and El Sol, purchased by the Government to-day, have been ordered to the nearest yards for complete refitting and armament.

"The first thing that will be done," said a navy official, "will be to change the Spanish names. The names are pretty enough, and two of them, El Norte and El Sud, the North and the South, are very suggestive and appropriate at this time, but they are in the wrong language. They must be given good, honest American names."

It is the purpose of the department to have the vessels fitted out at once as auxiliary cruisers, each one carrying as heavy and as large an armament as possible. They will be supplied with adequate batteries of rapid-fire guns, and as they are fleet ships it is expected that they will make effective cruisers for the destruction of commerce, for the harrying of the coast of Spain and of her dominions, and for actual service in battle.

The ram Katahdin has been ordered to sail from League Island, but her destination is kept secret. Her commander, Capt. G. F. Wilde, came to the city to-day to consult with the Navy Department about her movements, but nothing more than her sea orders could be learned. It is probable that she will go to Key West for the work contemplated in Havana Harbor, or to New York for the better defense of that place.

FEW REPORTERS FOR WARSHIPS.

Secretary Long Obliged to Restrict the Number to Three.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The Navy Department has received innumerable requests from newspapers throughout the country asking permission to send representatives aboard the ships of the flying squadron, under Commodore Schley, and the North Atlantic squadron, under Capt. Sampson.

Secretary Long, with his usual courtesy, was disposed at first to accede to many of the requests, but has finally determined that this will be impossible. This determination was reached as a result of a communication from Commodore Schley in answer to a letter from the Navy Department, which represented that there were not adequate accommodations aboard for any great number of men, in addition to the officers of the ship. Consequently the Secretary has found it necessary to restrict the privilege of accompanying these squadrons to three persons, one of whom will be a representative of The Associated Press.

Fleet at Key West Ready for War.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 5.—The fleet here is ready to move, and all hands were ordered aboard to-night. The vessels have been stripped of every unnecessary article, and are ready for instant action. Capt. Sampson was ashore for a short time this afternoon to keep in touch with the news from Washington. Several families left for the North on the Miami boat.

The Gresham Leaves Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 5.—The United States revenue cutter Gresham left Milwaukee for Cleveland en route to the Atlantic coast this afternoon. A great demonstration attended her departure.

Withdrawn from Southern Trade.

At the offices of the Lone Star Steamship Company it was said yesterday that owing to the unsettled condition of affairs between this country and Spain it had been definitely determined to withdraw the steamships Miami, Menemsha, Matteawan, and Merrimac from the Southern trade. It was denied that the recent freight war with the Mallory Line had anything to do with this decision. The Miami is now on her way to Galveston, the Menemsha is on her way to New York, the Matteawan is bound for this city from Boston, and the Merrimac is in Baltimore. C. W. Hagan is President of the company. A general denial was made yesterday by coastwise shipping men to the statement published that coastwise steamers had refused to take freight because of excessive underwriters' charges.

Brooklyn Armory for Naval Reserve.

The Second Battalion of the naval reserve yesterday took temporary possession of the old armory at Hanson Place and Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn. The School Board of Brooklyn holds the property, having originally intended to use it as a school building, but permission to use it was granted to the reserve at yesterday's meeting of the board.

COTTON SHIPPED BY EASTERN PORTS.

Fear in Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana to Send It from the South.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 5.—The likelihood of a war with Spain has caused exporters of cotton from the cotton belt of Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana, to ship the product from Eastern ports instead of by way of New Orleans, as has been done for many years past.

A cargo of cotton represents a great amount of money, and the exporters are averse to risking fortunes by shipping by way of ports which are liable to be the scenes of hostilities at any time. Some cotton is still being shipped by way of the Gulf ports, but all on the ships of the British lines. The remainder is being shipped through St. Louis to Eastern ports.

POPE'S EFFORT TOO LATE.

London Times Says at One Time He Might Have Averted War.

LONDON, April 6.—The Times, commenting editorially this morning

WAR TALK IN THE SENATE

The House Silent, but Eloquent Orations Are Delivered in the Upper Chamber.

MR. TURNER'S SPEECH FOR WAR

In Advocacy of His Resolution He Says the Time Has Come for a Call to Arms—Senator Chandler for Immediate War.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Great crowds were present in the House and Senate galleries to-day, drawn there by the desire to hear whatever might be said on the Cuban question, and with some expectation that the President's message might be presented. There was no talk of Cuba in the House, which devoted itself to bills on the private calendar. This programme covered consideration of the bill to pay the heirs of John Roach $300,000 on account of his ship contracts with the United States. The bill was passed.

In the Senate there were several strong speeches in favor of vigorous action by this country to terminate the dominion of Spain in Cuba. Mr. Chandler, (Rep., N. H.,) urged that the United States ought immediately to declare war against Spain and to maintain war until the people of Cuba should be made free from Spanish starvation and cruelty and the Government of the island firmly established as an independent republic.

Mr. Turpie (Dem., Ind.,) declared in the strongest terms for intervention that would mean something—that would drive Spain from control of every foot of territory in the western hemisphere.

The Senate's session was opened with one of the briefest prayers on record. The Chaplain, in deep, thrilling tones, pronounced this invocation:

"Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be so ordered by Thy government that Thy people may serve Thee in all godly questions."

Mr. Caffery (Dem., La.,) presented a telegram from the commercial bodies of New Orleans, which he desired to have read.

"Is this one of the stereotyped telegrams in favor of peace which we are all receiving at this time?" inquired Mr. Cockrell, (Dem., Mo.)

"If it were stereotyped and if such telegrams were being sent from all parts of the country," replied Mr. Caffery, "I should be very glad of it."

"I suppose it is one of the peace telegrams," said Mr. Cockrell, "as I hold in my hand one of a similar nature from the Republican City Committee of Kansas City, Mo."

Mr. Platt (Rep., Conn.,) said that while he sympathized with the tenor of the telegrams, he objected to the insertion of such matters in the record.

Mr. Turner's Speech.

The resolution offered by Mr. Turner (Pop., Washington,) declaring war against Spain, was laid before the Senate and its author took the floor in advocacy of it.

"The fateful question of peace or war," he began, "belongs in its last analysis to the Congress of the United States. Believing this, I have no apology for the resolution I have offered. I have the highest respect for the President and his office, but I have never been one to 'bend the pregnant hinges of the knee, that thrift might follow fawning.'"

The time had now arrived, Mr. Turner urged, when some expression ought to be made on this subject by this Nation. A spectacle had been made of the United States in the whole matter.

"With a diplomatic representative at Madrid," declared Mr. Turner, "complicating the business of this country and defeating even his own frantic efforts for peace at any price, with a private secretary—the alter ego of the President—circulating appeals throughout the country for petitions and memorials to control an unruly and unpatriotic Congress; with the manner in which the fate of our battleship was treated by this country; with the frantic appeals for delay, it is not surprising that the American people are outraged, and have given notice that they propose to take the whole matter into their own hands."

Discussing the Maine disaster, upon which Mr. Turner practically based his speech, he declared that no reasonable man could fail to realize that the battleship was destroyed through the cowardice and perfidy of Spanish officials, who, by their action, made their Government responsible for the crime. The same officials who had laid the mine had anchored the Maine over it, and had exploded it. The act was cowardly and perfidious in the extreme, and constituted warfare. Mr. Turner declared that it was immaterial whose was the hand that sent the electric spark on its fatal mission. Spain was in every sense responsible for the act—an act that ought properly to be resented by the United States.

Spain's Black Record.

From the time of Alva down to the time of Weyler, Mr. Turner declared, the record of Spain had been one of murder and assassination, brutality and cruelty, rapine and arson. The Spaniard of 1500 and the Spaniard of 1900 were one and the same individual. It has remained for the Maine disaster to demonstrate that civilization had passed the Spaniards by and that they now were as ferocious, brutal, cunning, and treacherous as they ever were. This Government should act at once. Mr. Turner was in favor of a declaration of war, but expressed himself in readiness to do anything that would drive the Spaniards from the Western Hemisphere, and he expressed the hope that as a Senator of the United States he would very soon have an opportunity to cast his vote for a measure that would accomplish that result.

A brief but pointed statement of his position on the Cuban question was then made by Mr. Harris, (Pop., Kan.) He had prepared his speech, which he read from the manuscript. After reviewing the position of the United States and dwelling with reference to Cuba, he maintained that for a long time this country had been fully justified in enforcing her demands by armed intervention. He declared that our wrath was a righteous wrath, and our action would not in any sense be revenge. In conclusion he said that a just war promoted all that was highest and best in National life.

Mr. Kenny (Dem., Del.,) followed with a strong appeal for the independence of the Cubans.

"There is not," said he, "in all this land any State whose people are more thoroughly united for Cuban independence than are the people of Delaware."

Mr. Chandler's Demand for War.

Mr. Chandler, (Rep., N. H.,) then spoke as follows:

"The United States ought immediately to declare war against Spain, and to maintain that war until the people of Cuba are made free from Spanish starvation and cruelty, and the Government of the island firmly established as an independent republic. The reasons for declaring war are apparent to the world. Spain has justly forfeited all title to any possessions in the Western Hemisphere by her prolonged misgovernment thereof. Unjust taxation caused the French Revolution, the American Revolution, and the Cuban Revolution. As France helped the Americans, so the United States should help the Cubans. Spain has lost all right to suppress the Cuban rebellion, by resorting to inhuman methods of warfare—continuous military murders of persons in open arms or suspected of disloyalty, and by the deliberate and wholesale starvation of non-combatant men, women, and children. Spain has surrendered all claim to the forbearance of the United States by disregarding all friendly remonstrances, by practicing deceit through false promises of local government for Cuba, by insulting the President of the United States, and by destroying, through the explosion of a mine, the battleship Maine, and the lives of 266 American sailors while the ship lay under the protection of Spain on a peaceful visit to the harbor of Havana. Spain having thus begun the war, the United States ought to accept the issue without waiting for the enemy to concentrate all her fleet in American waters. We have an army and navy equal to the emergency. For no such cause, with no better motives did any nation ever take up arms. We may look for the coming declaration with clear consciences and hopeful anticipations of success, having performed a high duty to humanity, civilization, and liberty, to the United States, and to the Cuban Republic."

Mr. Turpie Arraigns Spain.

Mr. Turpie, (Dem., Ind.,) a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, followed Mr. Chandler in a bitter denunciation of Spain and Spanish policy. He said it was the duty of the American Congress to intervene in the Cuban struggle. The United States had maintained a blockade for Spain at a great cost. The Government of Cuba ought to be recognized, maintained, and supported. Mr. Turpie said it had cost us millions to shut off the supply of ammunition which would have enabled the Cuban Government to secure its freedom. He denounced in scathing terms the manner in which Spain had conducted the war in Cuba, especially the starving of people there.

Mr. Turpie said it was only the Spanish Moloch which would say "Suffer little children to come unto me and we will starve you to death." He said that de Lome was typical of that diplomacy which meets a man with a smile and attacks him behind his back with sneers and deceit. Spain countenanced him on his return after his insult to the Government and the people of the United States.

The Senator then took up the Maine, and said the Spanish authorities had made no attempt to discover the perpetrators of that crime. The destruction of the Maine was an insult which could only be repaired by making it impossible for it to occur again, but placing Cuba and Havana out of the power of Spain forever.

Mr. Turpie said the cause of the war was Spanish sovereignty and dominion in Cuba, and until this was removed there could be no peace.

At the conclusion of Mr. Turpie's address Mr. Lodge asked the Senate to reconsider the vote by which it yesterday ordered the printing of 5,000 copies of the Maine report and concurrence in the House bill providing for the printing of 20,000 copies of the report. Both requests were complied with.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, taking up the amendment suggested by the committee, vacating the executive order of Feb. 22, 1897, setting aside large tracts of land in the Western States for forest reservation. The amendment was considered on the basis of Mr. Chandler's suggestion amending the amendment so as to limit the revocation to a year.

After an extended debate, Mr. Chandler's amendment was defeated and the committee's adopted, both without division.

The committee amendment is so modified as to provide that it should not in any way abridge the right of the President to set aside forest reservations under the law.

The Sundry Civil bill was then laid aside, and a joint resolution providing for the erection in this city of a monument to the late Albert Pike, to be presented to the United States by the Scottish Rite Masons of the Southern jurisdiction of this country, was adopted.

The Senate then, at 4:05 P. M., went into executive session and soon thereafter adjourned.

PITTSBURG WARLIKE MESSAGE.

The Chamber of Commerce Convene to Ask the President for Peace, but Doesn't.

PITTSBURG, April 5.—A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was called to-day to pass a resolution calling on Congress and President McKinley for peace. It failed of passage, as more than half of the members are for war, and hot talk was indulged in by leading citizens.

F. F. Nicola introduced the resolution. Morrison Foster, brother of Stephen C. Foster, the well-known song writer, seconded it. The resolution called for peace at any price. John Bradley offered a substitute extremely warlike in sentiment. Alexander Dempster made an eloquent patriotic address and moved to appoint a committee favorable to all, as the body was squarely divided on the issue. This was done, and a new resolution was offered still more warlike in tone.

As soon as the reading of the resolution was completed a chorus of "Question!" arose, and Mr. Bradley's voice was heard vainly asking for recognition. The noise became almost a tumult, but W. R. Thompson and Mr. Dempster made themselves heard. They made pleas for fair play, and a chance was given Mr. Bradley to speak. He said he could not vote for the resolution, as it did not represent his views. Warming up, he denounced it as a disgrace to the City of Pittsburg. President Bindley put the resolution to a vote, and the report was adopted.

After its adoption Major A. P. Burchfield moved that the resolution be wired to President McKinley through Congressman John Dalzell. An amendment was adopted to telegraph the resolution to all the Representatives in Congress from Western Pennsylvania and to the two Senators from Pennsylvania. Mr. Bradley said he hoped the resolution would be sent by mail, so that it might not reach Washington until the die had been cast.

Harvard Faculty for Peace.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 5.—Eighty-seven members of the Harvard Faculty sent the following telegram to President McKinley to-night:

"To His Excellency, President of the United States:

"We, members of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University, heartily commend and support you in your efforts to maintain peace."

The message was signed by President Eliot and eighty-six others, members of the Faculty.

Pittsburg Women's Club's Warning.

PITTSBURG, April 5.—The Pittsburg Women's Club met to-day and wired President McKinley: "Hold fast; prove all things. Diplomacy."

RIGHT TO SEARCH NEUTRAL SHIPS

Has the United States's Prerogative Been Impaired?

LONDON, April 5.—The Attorney General Sir Richard Webster, Q. C., replying in the House of Commons to-day to the question asked yesterday in the House by Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, member for York, who asked whether the United States, not being a signatory of the Declaration of Paris, would, in the event of war with Spain, be bound by its provisions, said the rights of neither the United States nor Spain, as belligerents, were affected by the Declaration of Paris. He added that the right of search for the capture of contraband of war undoubtedly exists, but it was impossible to say whether either country would search British vessels.

Thomas Gibson Bowles, Conservative member for Lynn Regis, and the proprietor of Vanity Fair, asked whether Spain or the United States had done anything to impair their common law or international rights to search or capture neutral vessels. The Attorney General replied:

"Yes. There are a number of treaties and expressions of opinion upon the part of the United States which, I think, must seriously impair their rights. In regard to Spain, I am not aware of anything of the sort."

John Bassett Moore, Hamilton Fish Professor of International Law and Diplomacy in Columbia University, to whom the foregoing dispatch was shown last evening, and from whom an explanation was requested of the British Attorney General's reply to the member for Lynn Regis, said he assumed Sir Richard Webster referred to the historic attitude and declarations of the United States Government, such, for instance, as "Free ships make free goods." Said Prof. Moore:

"By common law rights he doubtless means the right to seize and confiscate an enemy's property on the high seas, in whatever ship found, neutral or not." Prof. Moore added that there could have been no reference to any recent act or declaration of this Government. Sir Richard Webster meant that the United States Government, in the event of war with Spain, would be bound by its own declarations in the past.

Army and Navy Veterans.

Col. George App presided last night at a special meeting of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association, held at 70 East Fourth Street. The main purpose of the meeting was to select from among the members all who are not debarred by the age limit from again entering into active service should the present Spanish-American crisis terminate in war. Of the eighty members in the association, forty were found to be under the age limit. Their services, they say, are at the disposal of the Government at any moment.

Battalion Formed in Jersey City.

A three-company battalion for service in the event of war has been organized in the Johnstown district of Jersey City. Martin A. Adams, a Grand Army man, was elected Major last Wednesday evening. A. L. Milburn of the Montgomery Street mounted police, who has served in the regular army, was made Captain of a company, and will act as drill master.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

DIVISION IN THE SENATE

President's Plan of Intervention Without Independence Meets Serious Opposition.

VIGOROUS FIGHT EXPECTED

The Conservative Element Urges the Committee on Foreign Relations to Stand by the Administration's Policy.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—No change has been made in the tentative programme adopted by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the Spanish complications. The committee's decision to report substantially the Foraker resolution, with an added paragraph referring to the destruction of the Maine, still stands, in the sense that the vote by which the decision was reached has not been reconsidered. But strong pressure has been exercised from the White House today to induce the committee to fall in with the Administration's new programme for intervention minus recognition of independence, and it is said to-night that several of the most aggressive members of the committee have been converted to the President's view. Chairman Davis and Senators Lodge and Frye are numbered in this list, while Senator Foraker is among those who are holding out for the recognition of the independence of the insurgent Government.

Pending the actual receipt of the message, the committee has decided to hold the form of its report in abeyance. If the message and the report as already agreed on contingently do not harmonize, the committee will be called on to decide whether it will accept the responsibility of parting company with the President. Senator Lodge said to-day that he for one was willing to follow the President's lead in the matter, deeming it all-important that there be harmony between the Executive and legislative branches at this time. Whatever the committee's report may be, it will not be made before Thursday. There is no intention of hurrying in a report after the reading of the message to-morrow.

A debate which occurred in the executive session of the Senate late this afternoon would indicate that no matter what may be the character of the resolution to come from the Committee on Foreign Relations, it will cause a serious and perhaps prolonged discussion. It emphasized the fact that there are two elements in the Senate, one for independence with intervention and another for intervention alone, and these two factions will fight vigorously for their ideas.

President's Plan Opposed.

The executive session was devoted to a general discussion of the policy to be pursued toward Spain, and developed the fact that strong opposition exists to the acceptance of a policy in line with the President's desires. The question was raised by Senator Allen, who made a long speech predicting much dissatisfaction in the country at large with a policy on the part of the Executive that did not go to the extent of giving the Cubans absolute independence.

Senator Allen was followed by other speakers in the same line, and the fact was made very evident that if the Committee on Foreign Relations should bring in a resolution complying with the President's request and stopping short of a declaration for independence, there would be an effort in the Senate to amend it so as to accomplish this end. Indeed, the announcement was made by more than one Senator that he would offer such an amendment, and by many more that they would support an effort in the direction of adding the independence declaration to a resolution providing simply for intervention.

The committee was urged not to yield to the wishes of the President, but to stand out strongly for complete action. The policy of the President for Executive intervention only was criticised as one which would place the entire question in the hands of the President and thus leave the matter where it now is, except that it would be a voluntary relinquishment of the rights of Congress on the premises, including the right to declare war.

The greater part of the speechmaking was in opposition to the Executive, and no one attempted to outline the probable action of the committee. There was also a reference to the intention of the President to withhold the Cuban Consular correspondence, and a suggestion was made that if this matter was of a character too inflammable to permit of its being made public it should be given to the Senate in secret session. A resolution was offered that the entire Cuban question should be considered behind closed doors on account of the probability of utterances which would afford information to the enemy. This proposition was debated, but no conclusion was reached.

Meeting of the Conservatives.

While the Senate was in executive session a formidable element of that body was considering what should be done in case resolutions should be reported for recognition of the independence of Cuba. This faction is composed of what are known as the conservative men on the Republican side of the Senate. Their conference was held in Senator Aldrich's committee room, and among those present were Senators Hanna, Platt of Connecticut, Spooner, Hale, Fairbanks, and Aldrich. Senator Allison was also there for a brief time. A general purpose was expressed to oppose the adoption of any report that should recommend a recognition of Cuban independence and which did not confine itself to the support of the President's recommendation for intervention only.

This position was taken because of the generally expressed conviction of the Senators present that in case of war with Spain and the triumph of the arms of the United States, this country should be left free to dispose of Cuba as she might see proper. Several of those present expressed dissatisfaction with the present Cuban administration, and the opinion was advanced that the recognition of independence at this time would bind the United States to support that administration and to guarantee its bonds, giving to the Cuban Junta a position of influence and power to which, in their opinion, it is not entitled. Hence a decision was reached to labor with the Committee on Foreign Relations not to report a resolution with a double purpose, and the intention was expressed on the part of some to oppose its adoption if reported.

Committee Action in Doubt.

In accordance with the action of this meeting, Senators Allison and Aldrich had a prolonged conference later with Senators Davis, Frye, and Lodge of the Committee on Foreign Relations. These members of the Foreign Committee were able to assure the other Senators that no effort would be made to report the resolution on the same day on which the message should be received, but they could not give the same assurance as to the character of the resolution. They did not conceal from their visitors the fact that the committee already had agreed upon a resolution providing both for independence and intervention, and that it might be difficult to change the recommendation.

The prevailing opinion among Senators is that the committee will recede from its position for both independence and intervention and report a resolution in accordance with the President's recommendation for intervention alone, but this is not certain. Of three members of the committee seen, all classed as pro-Cubans, Senator Frye announced himself satisfied with intervention, Senator Foraker announced that he would not favor the change, and Senator Davis refused to commit himself. Senator Lodge previously had said that he would support the President's position.

TROOPS ORDERED SOUTH.

Messages from the War Department to the 20th, 7th, and 22d Regiments U. S. Infantry.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 5.—Col. H. S. Hawkins, commander of the Twentieth Infantry, received a dispatch this afternoon to have his troops pack up to move to the South. The message stated that transportation would be arranged for by the War Department in Washington; the time for the soldiers to depart was not given. There are eight companies of the regiment here, averaging 64 men to a company. Hamilton S. Hawkins is the Colonel, Lloyd Wheaton Lieutenant Colonel, and J. [illegible] the Major. Even the women at the garrison are pleased at the order to pack up.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 5.—An order was received to-day at the Columbus Barracks, the headquarters of the Seventh Regiment, United States Infantry, to prepare to move on short notice. It was said at the garrison that the regiment will go direct to Chattanooga, where 20,000 regulars are to be mobilized. The regiment will leave here some time Wednesday or Thursday. The contract for transporting the luggage of the regiment to the special cars has been awarded.

FORT CROOK, Neb., April 5.—The Twenty-second Infantry at Fort Crook to-night is preparing for departure south to-morrow. Gen. Coppinger received a dispatch from the War Department at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and within an hour Col. Wyckoff had the regiment rushing work for instant departure. The order was to hurry for an early train Wednesday. The supposition is that the troops will go to Atlanta, though nothing definite is yet known.

CHICKAMAUGA AND THE ARMY.

Room for 50,000 Troops, but as Yet No Orders Have Been Issued for Mobilising Them There.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The War Department and the General of the army are considering the question of utilising the eleven square miles which the Government owns at the Chickamauga Military Park as the point for concentrating troops in the South for organization and instruction, and also as the location of such reserves as may be needed for the Gulf and South Atlantic fortifications from New Orleans to Charleston. Such portions of the reserve as might be needed could reach any of these fortifications in twelve hours from Chickamauga. When not needed, they would be in healthier camps than on the coast in hot weather. A railroad with two stations at the park skirts its western boundary.

There are 5,000 acres of open woods, from which all underbrush has been removed, and 1,600 acres of dry fields, the whole suitable for excellent camps. Immediately after the passage of the bill making this park a National manoeuvring ground, the Park Commission began to consider the question of securing an abundant water supply, and to distribute it with a view to furnishing the best camping grounds. In addition to six excellent springs and five ordinary wells, eight artesian wells have been sunk in such places as to afford the best results for camps. Locations for four more of these wells have just been selected by the commission, and preparations have been made for sinking them at once in case the decision for military concentration there is reached. Meantime 20,000 troops can be provided with excellent camps.

In the clearing out of the forests, the idea of the park becoming the army manoeuvring ground was kept in view by the commission, and their orders were to leave room everywhere sufficient for teams or batteries to drive between the trees. As a result, every portion of the eleven square miles is practicable for wheels.

All portions of the park are reached by the best roads which the Government could construct. There is ample room to camp 50,000 troops. As the Chickamauga River, which is fed by mountain streams, bounds the park for several miles, there is abundant water for the horses of cavalry, artillery, and the transportation. The entire park is high and dry, none of it being subject to overflow. The surrounding region is largely forest, and wood for the camps will be cheap.

As a ground for practical manoeuvring and tactical instruction on a field of actual fighting, the best professional soldiers in the army regard its advantages as unsurpassed. No other nation possesses such a ground. Over 100,000 men fought for two days within the present limits of the park. All the fighting lines and all the lines of tactical movement had been ascertained and marked, and are concisely explained on historical tablets. The roads over which the opposing armies moved to battle and operated during the engagement belong to the Government, and the more important of these have been improved. The road mileage of the park system is 100 miles, and traverses seven distinct battlefields. For these reasons, officers of high rank regard the park as a military possession of special importance at the present time.

No orders have been issued as yet for the mobilization of troops at Chickamauga. Gen. Miles said to-day that the only regiment thus far ordered to Chickamauga was the Twenty-fifth Regiment of colored infantry, and so far as the present intentions are concerned, they are to stop there only temporarily on their way to Key West and Dry Tortugas, to which place they were originally ordered about ten days ago.

Mr. Alger for the Volunteer Reserve.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Secretary Alger this morning received the bill providing for the organization of the Volunteer Reserve to the land and naval forces of the United States. He indorsed it as follows:

"I very gladly indorse this bill, and believe it will appeal to the patriotism of all American citizens."

Tennessee Negroes Ready for War.

NASHVILLE, April 5.—The Negro Alliance to-day, through a committee, tendered to the United States the services of the negroes of Tennessee in the event of war. The committee called upon Gov. Taylor and offered their services, and also telegraphed to President McKinley that they would be ready whenever called upon.

Gen. Tillinghast Buys Supplies.

ALBANY, April 5.—Adjt. Gen. Tillinghast was in New York City to-day purchasing war supplies for the National Guard. He is making provision for a full equipment of the guard. His purchases will include tents and blankets.

"MINUTE MEN" TO ORGANIZE.

East Side Citizens Indorse Cuban Independence and Resolve to Respond to Sudden Call.

A large number of persons attended a meeting last night in Mozart Hall, East Eighty-sixth Street, near Second Avenue, called for the purpose of promoting the subject of recognition of Cuban independence, and for the more direct purpose of calling to President McKinley's attention the war sentiment prevailing among the citizens of New York. Col. J. E. Bloom presided. Stirring addresses were made by Chairman Bloom and Frans Myer, who said he represented 600 able-bodied men anxious to take the field against Spain. The result of the meeting was the formation of a permanent organization, to be known as "The Minute Men." Its purpose is defined in the following resolution, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we do hereby organize ourselves into a permanent body under the name of the Minute Men.

Resolved, That we do divide ourselves into combatants and non-combatants with intent that those signing as combatants shall be grouped into companies and regiments, prepared to tender their services at a minute's notice to the Government through their respective State Governments; and that non-combatants shall comprise those who are in accord with these resolutions, and

Resolved, That our fellow-citizens in other Congressional districts be and are hereby invited to join us here under said constitution, and to do likewise in their respective sections, and

Resolved, That an Executive Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to obtain a charter for the aforesaid body, and to take such other steps as to the committee seems best, and

Resolved, That the Chair send a copy of these resolutions to our Congressional Representatives and Senators.

The officers of the "Minute Men" are: Col. J. E. Bloom, President; Frans Mayer, Vice President; J. Bulaba, Treasurer; J. Stevens, Secretary.

Col. Bloom said it is his intention to carry the organization into every district in the city, and when the city is thoroughly organized, to take up this State and the other States. A committee will secure headquarters for the organization to-day, and until such time the headquarters of the new organization will be at Col. Bloom's office, 120 Broadway.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Bill Introduced in Congress and Referred to the Secretary of War.

It was announced at the offices of the National Volunteer Reserve yesterday that Gen. Schofield had succeeded in having introduced in Congress on Monday a bill to provide for the organization of volunteer reserves to the land and naval forces of the United States. The bill, it was said, was sent to a committee, who referred it to the Secretary of War for his approval. It is likely that some action will be taken in the matter during the present week.

The bill provides that the organization be divided into three classes, known as the first, second, and third reserves, to be called upon for service in that order. All officers of and below the grade of Colonel in the military reserve and Captain in the naval reserve are to be appointed by the State Executives, and the higher officers by the President when necessary.

NEWS OF AERONAUT ANDREE.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 5.—Jack Carr, an United States mail carrier, arrived at Departure Bay from St. Michaels via Dawson with advices from Andree, the balloonist.

The news was telegraphed from Departure Bay upon the arrival of the steamer upon which Carr traveled from St. Michaels.

No details were given beyond the fact that Carr had such advices, and nothing further is obtainable until the steamer arrives at Vancouver or Victoria, some time to-night, as she has already left Departure Bay, which is sixty miles from this place.

SEATTLE, Washington, April 5.—A telegram from Nanaimo says:

Jack Carr, a United States mail carrier, arrived here to-night from St. Michael, Alaska, via Dawson City. Carr claims to have a message from Andrée, one of his carrier pigeons having been picked up. It is stated that the message says that Andrée is alive and on land. Carr will not give out the message for publication. Several parties at Nanaimo claim to have seen the message, and they say it is to all appearance authentic. Full credence is not given to the report here.

Ex-Mayor W. D. Wood, who arrived from Dawson a few days ago, says that he saw Carr at Dawson. Carr said nothing about Andrée to him. From other sources Mr. Wood heard some vague references to Andrée, but considered them without foundation. Carr left St. Michael last Thanksgiving.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 5.—Evelyn B. Baldwin, who visited the Andrée balloon station in Spitsbergen, and who volunteered to accompany the daring aeronaut on his voyage to the north pole, but could not on account of the limited capacity of the balloon, was interviewed this afternoon regarding the bulletin from Victoria, B. C. Mr. Baldwin said:

"While I can scarcely believe the report to be true—it seems too good to be true—I realize that it is not impossible that Andrée may have arriven in Alaska, for to accomplish that feat was his most fervent desire. That he could have done so by this time, provided his balloon carried him far enough eastward, say to some point on the sea ice north of Alaska, is proved by the safe arrival of a Captain of one of the whaling vessels fast in the ice off the north coast of Alaska after a six months' journey southward.

Andrée may have arrived at some point in the Tschookchee Peninsula, off Northeastern Siberia, last Autumn, as Baron Nordenskjold believed he would and as Andrée himself thought he might, and thence made his way across Bering Strait to Alaska. Possibly I have held that Andrée would most likely be heard from in Frans Josef Land, and had about completed arrangements to assist in the search for him in that region, my plans being to start next month. I received a letter this morning from Capt. Ernest Andrée of Sweden, (a brother of the aeronaut,) and the Captain expressed his belief in his brother's return, and that the world would hear from him not later than next August.

ANDREE PIGEON IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, April 5.—An exhausted pigeon bearing a metal tag inscribed "No. 23,699, F. Andree," was picked up at Forty-second and Carroll Avenues this morning. A policeman noticed the bird acting strangely, and after some trouble he captured it. The tag was tied to its left leg, and on the metal was glued a bit of paper bearing the above inscription.

Bird fanciers say it is a carrier pigeon, but they are in doubt as to the genuineness of the label. Additional interest is lent to the bird by to-night's story of the alleged discovery of Andrée in Alaska.

ARRIVAL OF BUYERS.

Altman & Co., Buffalo, N. Y.; M. Altman, woolens; 84 Leonard Street; Hotel Imperial.
Brown, F. M., & Co., New Haven, Conn.; J. McKeon, boys' clothing; 108 Broadway; Union Square Hotel.
Bennett, Morgan & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.; J. L. Morgan, dry goods; Broadway Central Hotel.
Bemis, A. F., Hat Co., Foxborough, Mass.; A. F. Bemis, hats and caps; Broadway Central Hotel.
Biermeister Bros. & Co., Troy, N. Y.; F. Biermeister, Jr., collars and cuffs; 810 Broadway; St. Denis Hotel.
Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., Chicago, Ill.; S. Carson, ribbons and fancy goods; 118 Worth Street.
"Fair, The," Montgomery, Ala.; H. Apperious, dry goods; 48 Leonard Street.
Denholm & McKay Company, Worcester, Mass.; H. W. Jackson, housefurnishing goods; 2 Walker Street.
Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Reading, Penn.; S. D. Bancher, wrappers; 2 Walker Street; Hotel Albert.
Ederheimer, Stein & Co., Chicago, Ill.; A. Stein, woolens; 49 Worth Street; Hoffman House.
Eckman & Vetsburg, Savannah, Ga.; T. A. Askew, notions, furnishing goods, and cloaks; 34 Thomas Street; St. Denis Hotel.
Ely & Walker Dry Goods Company, St. Louis, Mo.; G. F. Newhard, notions and fancy goods, 258 Church Street; Stuart House.
Field, Marshall, & Co., Chicago, Ill.; C. Cromwell, domestics; 104 Worth Street.
Farwell, J. V., Company, Chicago, Ill.; P. P. Potter, woolens and linings, 118 Worth Street; Murray Hill Hotel.
Frank Brothers, Chicago, Ill.; I. M. Mayer, cloaks and suits; A. Frank, dry goods; 115 Worth Street.
Frear, William H., & Co., Troy, N. Y.; C. C. Alcott, mourning goods; J. H. Nolan, dress goods; Park Avenue Hotel.
Groos & Strauss, Boston, Mass.; L. Groos, laces and trimmings; 38 Spring Street; Hoffman House.
Gutman, Joel, & Co., Baltimore, Md.; A. R. Dyer, dry goods; 79 Grand Street; Hotel Albert.
Gimbel Brothers, Philadelphia, Penn.; R. Greer, linens; 377 Broadway; Sturtevant House.
Glenn, Hugh, & Co., Utica, N. Y.; A. S. Hunter, womens' and dress goods; 55 White Street; Hotel Normandie.
Horne, Joseph, & Co., Pittsburg, Penn.; E. Holcomb, domestics and dress goods; 95 Liispenard Street; Westminster Hotel.
Hurst, John E., & Co., Baltimore, Md.; W. B. Hurst, dress goods; M. J. Hellman, dry goods; Hotel Imperial.
Ives, Upham & Rand, Meriden, Conn.; C. L. Upham, dress goods, cloaks, notions, and carpets; 459 Franklin Street; Park Avenue Hotel.
Jackson Company, The, Rome, N. Y.; H. McGuigan, cloaks, suits, and dress goods; Hotel Albert.
Kutnier, J., Rome, Ga.; M. M. Kuttner, notions; 787 Broadway; St. Nicholas Hotel.
Kirschbaum, A., & Co., Philadelphia, Penn.; M. May, woolens; Hoffman House.
Kelly & Liebes, San Francisco, Cal.; S. Liebes, cloaks; Hotel Vendome.
Kohn, Weil & Co., New Orleans, La.; J. Kohn, trunks and hats; Hotel Vendome.
Levy, J., Erie, Penn.; woolens; Hotel Imperial.
Lisner, A., Washington, D. C.; S. G. Godfrey, millinery; Hotel Normandie.
MacInnes, J. C., Company, Worcester, Mass.; Mr. Wilcox, millinery; 55 White Street.
McCarthy, D., & Sons, Syracuse, N. Y.; D. L. McCarthy, carpets; 48 Leonard Street.
McCarthy, D., & Sons, Syracuse, N. Y.; D. M. Emory, carpets and furniture; 48 Leonard Street; Hotel Manhattan.
Mandel Bros., Chicago, Ill.; W. J. Campbell, dry goods; 450 Broome Street; Grand Hotel.
Marx, H., & Co., San Francisco, Cal.; E. Marx, furs; Stuart House.
Minneapolis Dry Goods Co., Minneapolis, Minn.; G. Ludwig, dress goods; 454 Broome Street; Stuart House.
MacInnes, J. C., Co., Worcester, Mass.; A. A. Spaulding, dress goods, silks, velvets, cloths, cloaks, and suits; 55 White Street; Broadway Central Hotel.
Pettis Dry Goods Company, Indianapolis, Ind.; R. N. Caird, housefurnishing goods; 2 Walker Street; Hotel Cadillac.
Coutts, Incs., 2 Walker Street Hotel Cadillac.
Rowe, C. H., & Co., Pittsburg, Penn.; F. W. Greene, millinery; New Amsterdam Hotel.
Siegel, Cooper & Co., Chicago, Ill.; L. Kesner, toys, Sixth Avenue and Eighteenth Street; Holland House.
Saye, Allen & Co., Hartford, Conn.; C. O. Moore, dress goods, silks, and velvets; 52 Franklin Street; Murray Hill Hotel.
Sutton, R. M., & Co., Baltimore, Md.; R. M. Sutton, domestics, prints, woolens; W. F. Sutton, dry goods; St. Denis Hotel.
Steely, J. G. & W., Dayton, Ohio; J. G. Steely, millinery; Hotel Marlborough.
Shaum, J. R., Columbus, Ohio; millinery; Broadway Central Hotel.
Stovall, Gamble & Co., Williamsport, Penn.; C. C. Shopbell, dry goods; Broadway Central Hotel.
Sullivan, Hettrich & Co., Philadelphia, Penn.; J. T. Sullivan, notions; St. Denis Hotel.
Willoughby, Hill & Co., Chicago, Ill.; D. A. Hill, clothing; Grand Union Hotel.
Wanamaker, John, Philadelphia, Penn.; L. E. Wyatt, millinery and cloaks; Broadway and Tenth Street; St. Denis Hotel.
Woodward & Lothrop, Washington, D. C.; H. Barschlies, silks and velvets; 438 Broadway; Hotel Albert.
White, R. H., Co., Boston, Mass.; J. Barker, linens and furnishing goods; A. C. Lane, fancy goods; 460 Broome Street; Hotel Imperial.

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CURRENCY REFORM BILL

Measure Prepared by Messrs. McCleary, Prince, and Mitchell Introduced in the House.

FOR A NEW TREASURY BUREAU

Attributes of the Division of Issue and Redemption as Suggested by the Monetary Commission—National Banks May Have Branches.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The bill prepared for the reform of the currency and the protection of the Treasury by the subcommittee of the House Committee on Banking and Currency was introduced in the House to-day. The bill was prepared by Messrs. McCleary of Minnesota, Chairman of the sub-committee; Prince of Illinois, and Mitchell of New York.

A general statement of the purposes of the committee was printed some days ago, but some changes have since been made in the details of the bill, and a careful summary has been prepared of its leading provision and its effect upon existing National banks. This summary is as follows:

Division of Issue and Redemption.

The proposed bill creates a Division of Issue and Redemption in the Treasury, substantially in accordance with the provisions of the plan of the Monetary Commission. The amount which the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to set aside for the purpose of this division is all the money in the Treasury in excess of a cash balance of $50,000,000. This would have permitted a reserve on March 31, 1898, of $176,157,827.

Duties of Division.

The Division of Issue and Redemption is authorized to redeem legal notes in notes, redeem standard silver dollars in gold, but not to redeem silver certificates in gold, and to make other exchanges of currency and coin. Notes redeemed in gold shall be canceled to the amount of new bank notes issued.

Reserve Notes.

Provision is made for the conversion of existing legal-tender notes into reserve notes, of which the banks assume the current redemption, but which constitute a liability of the Government upon the failure or liquidation of a National bank. All features regarding reserve notes are permissive in relation to existing National banks, whose charters have not expired.

Method of Issue.

Banks may pay into the Treasury United States notes to any amount not exceeding 35 per cent. of their unimpaired capital, and receive in exchange a new form of note known as National reserve notes. The United States notes surrendered are required to be canceled and destroyed as received.

When United States notes cannot be obtained for the purpose of banking under the act, Treasury notes of 1890 may be used, and when these cannot be obtained the Secretary of the Treasury may waive the requirement and permit the issue of notes upon commercial assets to the same amount as if the reserve notes previously provided for had been issued.

Redemption of Reserve Notes.

Reserve notes are to be redeemed on demand by the bank to which they are issued in lawful money over its own counters or from the 5 per cent. redemption fund established by existing law. This fund is hereafter required to be equal to 5 per cent. of the amount of reserve notes, with the currency notes outstanding issued by the bank and to be kept in gold coin. Upon the failure or liquidation of a National bank, its reserve notes shall be redeemed in gold coin and canceled and destroyed.

Currency Notes on Commercial Assets.

National banks desiring to issue currency notes based upon their commercial assets may receive and issue notes to the amount of the National reserve notes taken by them not exceeding 35 per cent. of their unimpaired capital

The Wanamaker Store

Stormy-Day Reflections

THE fin-de-siecle advertisement of a dry goods store is not remarkable for the delicacy of its self-appreciation. Modesty and advertisement combine as water and oil. It is a combination which we endeavor to effect in our store news, but this morning you must forgive us if a distinct note of triumph booms as a thorough-bass through the placid melody of our mercantile song.

It is a season of "first-views" and exhibitions. We have just conducted two,—millinery and costumes,—and to-morrow we shall announce another, which is another story to be told in its own place. The results of these exhibitions already held have been not only such as to inspire and encourage us, but to *convince* us of our position. A year ago we said,—"Our public is finding us." It is justly a joyful day when we can, with justice, say, as we say now,—"Our public has found us." If additional proof were needed, it was given yesterday. It was not a day conducive to large mercantile audiences, so far as weather conditions went. Therefore, the big, bright store *humming* with business was a true and perfect evidence of what we'd like to call, with all modesty, intrinsic attraction.

In the mercantile arena the final "Habet" is never spoken. The struggle is unceasing and success but brings new duties. Our Public having found us, it is now our duty and delight to make it glad that it did so. We'll try.

In Silk Attire

HERE are more voyagers from over-seas,—silks from "foreign parts" just arrived, and as exquisitely Gallic as only Lyons productions can be. These are not the masqueraders,—neither the flimsy imitation from Germany nor the audacious and almost-successful counterfeits from New England. They are the real French Novelty silks, and there's nothing (yet) which is just like them.

Evening Silks are plentiful;—Armures, in some delicious combinations of turquoise, Chartreuse, New Gold and Pink, with ivory white. A very decided novelty,—$3 a yard. Taffeta Broches, also, in some original Barre effects, at $2, and a handsome new lot of Bayadere stripes in the lace-stripe modification, brightened by star-like glints and gleams of lustrous color;—$2.25.

Then at $1 and $1.50 are some new Checks and Plaids; at $3, new Plaid Taffetas, with bold three-inch cross-bars of color over black and white; and numerous others.

There are, among these "others," six new fancies in Taffetas, at $1.25, and six new kinds of Canales and satin-stripe Taffetas, at $1.35. These deserve to be looked at promptly, for they are rich values at those prices.

Plaid Hosiery—Men, Women, Children. New styles are arriving almost daily. To-day about ninety new styles, many of which are exclusive combinations of colors from the best foreign makers, are added to our already superior assortment. Our large buying enables us to sell at better than moderately low prices. Judge the value-giving of our Hosiery Store by the following:

MEN'S HALF HOSE

At 25c—French, pure silk, with blocks of blue, green and purple; same in assorted plaids; $4 the pair; and French spun silk in plaids, at $2 the pair.

At $1.50—Fine lisle thread, French manufacture, in great variety; also French and German plaids, at $1.

At 25c.—A vast collection of cotton plaids; lisle thread, at 38c., 50c. and 75c.; silk plaited plaid, at 75c. and $1.

WOMEN'S HOSIERY

At $7—Pure silk French plaids, exquisite combinations of colors; same in spun silk, $3.50 the pair; fine French lisle thread, $2.75 the pair; and German silk, in many colored plaids, at $1.50 the pair.

At $1.25.—Fine lisle thread in plaids; also silk plaited black boots with plaid tops.

At 38c. and 50c.—Plaid cotton and lisle; also lisle thread in assorted plaids, at $1 the pair.

CHILDREN'S HOSIERY

At 80c.—Fine French lisle thread, ribbed in neat and effective style; size 5 1-2; advance 10c. on each increasing size.

At 65c.—Plain lisle thread of German manufacture, in light or dark effects; size 5; advance 5c. on each increasing size.

Ribbed lisle thread, in dark plaids; German make; sizes, 5 1-2, 35c.; 6 and 6 1-2, 40c.; 7 and 7 1-2, 45c.; 8, 8 1-2 and 9, 50c.

Broadway.

Fifty Special Hats. THE millinery designers have labored earnestly and well to provide certain Easter bargains in trimmed hats. Here they are,—fifty of them,—no two alike. We should be able to please you in that assortment.

They are beautiful hats,—really extraordinary efforts on the part of our chief designers. They are worth very much more than we ask for them:—Twelve Dollars each.

Second floor. Tenth street.

Buying Shoes for Easter Dress. WE can help you to a satisfactory selection. What sort of a shoe do you prefer? We have it—properly priced, too. Some particularly attractive offerings in to-day's shoe store news. For instance, this item for men:

Of brown or black kidskin, and tan, yellow or black boarded or Russian calfskin; stylish toe shapes; excellent workmanship throughout. At $3, we think it the best shoe ever put on the market.

$3 a Pair.

And this little note for women:

Oxford ties, with thick or thin soles; maybe a week or two early for them, but you'll need them quickly enough. Kidskin, box calf, dull oxide kid or patent leather; some with vesting tops; round, square, sharp or blunt toes. Of extra merit is our line of chrome tanned kidskin, with patent leather tips, in all sizes and widths. These

At $2 a Pair.

Then, too, is the new shoe for boys:

Of black boarded calfskin, made like men's shoes; bull-dog last, heavy extension soles; brass hooks and eyelets; with heels; sizes 13 to 1 1-2,

One-Dollar-Fifty.

With spring heels; sizes 8 to 2,

One-Dollar-Twenty-five.

For wear, looks or comfort we have never equaled this lot.

Fourth avenue and Ninth street.

Women's Capes and Coats. ESPECIALLY the Capes, this morning. You probably know something of our coats already, judging by the way they are vanishing. But here are some new capes of which you haven't learned yet.

In the first place, they are strictly *new*, and when we say new, we don't mean an old style revamped or slightly modified. They are original, distinctive,—*different*. They are made from the very best goods possible to obtain,—in the higher-priced ones, from goods such as you don't often see. Lastly, they are all exclusive in design. Now for prices:—

CAPES

At $9—Of black serge; trimmed with braid and jet; lined with black satin.

At $16—Of black broadcloth; finished with knife plaited taffeta; braid and jet around bottom, finished in open-work effect; lined with black taffeta.

At $20—Of black moire; handsomely trimmed with black jet and braid; finished at bottom with braid in open-work effect; lined with black taffeta; ruffle around bottom.

At $25—Of black net; handsomely appliqued with braid and jet over black taffeta; heavy knife plaited taffeta and satin ribbon at neck; ruffle of knife-plaited taffeta at bottom.

COATS

At $12—Of black clay diagonal; fly front, coat back; lined with black taffeta.

At $12—Of covert cloth; fly front, velvet collar, coat back; lined with striped taffeta.

At $15—Of black Venetian cloth; fly front, notch collar, coat back, strap seams; lined with black taffeta.

At $18.75—Of covert cloth, fly front, notch collar, coat back; lined with plain taffeta.

At $20—Double-breasted reefer; front showing four pearl buttons; wide revers, coat back, strap seams; lined with striped taffeta.

Second floor, Broadway.

Lawn Dressing Sacques. MANY very pretty styles from which to choose, and low-priced enough, surely. Here are a few of them just to show about what values we're offering, and how much prettiness can be had for little money.

At 75c.—Fitted back; full front, with clusters of plaits; ruffle on bottom, sleeves and collar; ribbon on neck.

At $1—Fitted back; full front; clusters of fine plaits round collar; lawn ruffle on collar, down front and on bottom of sacque.

At $1.50—Fitted back, full front; yoke of fine plaits; wide ruffle on collar, down front and on bottom, edged with narrow lace.

At $1.75—Fitted back, full front; pointed yoke of fine plaits round collar, front and bottom trimmed with wide embroidery.

At $2.25—Fitted back, and full front with clusters of plaits; and insertion; collar, sleeves and bottom trimmed with handsome embroidery.

At $2.50—Fitted back, full front; yoke of fine plaits and insertion; wide embroidery on sleeves and bottom; satin ribbon at neck.

Others up to $4.50.

Second floor.

Flowering Plants. NOT satisfied with one big flower garden, we have two,—one on the Ninth, one on the Tenth Street aisle. They are bright with a perfect blaze of blossoms, and they are rich in some flower-bargains which you don't often see.

Some of these plants are rather costly,—we have certain Azaleas for which we must ask you $15, and there are many other blooms almost as high-priced. But as a general thing a dollar, or at most, $3, will give you great returns.

Easter Lilies, Azaleas, Genestas, Hydrangeas, and Roses form the bulk of the stock, but there are some others,—Daffodils for instance.

Well Dressed Boys at Easter. MANY of them will appear in Wanamaker fine clothing. The great selling in this store during the past few days proves the statement. Not only are we clothing a vast army of boys so that they will be well dressed, but we are doing this at very moderate cost. Here are a few items worth more than a passing notice:

Boys' Double-breasted Jacket Suits, in fine worsteds and fancy cheviots; $5 to $13.

Boys' Sailor Suits, in navy blue serges and fancy cheviots; $3 to $10.

Boys' Middy Suits, in navy blue and fancy cheviots; neatly trimmed; $3 to $8.50.

A complete assortment of Boys' Shirt Waists and Blouses at little prices.

Second floor, Fourth avenue.

JOHN WANAMAKER

Formerly A. T. Stewart & Co., Broadway, 4th ave., 9th and 10th sts.

A SPANISH SCHEME UPSET

Great Britain Declines to Act with the Continental Powers to Preserve the Peace.

JOINT MEDIATION PROPOSED

Efforts of the Madrid Ministry and the Queen Regent to Excite Opposition to the "Pretensions of the United States."

LONDON, April 5.—The movement of the powers of Europe for a joint offer of mediation between the United States and Spain has received a severe and probably fatal rebuff in the form of a definite refusal upon the part of the British Government to participate in it.

Many conflicting and erroneous hints regarding this scheme to bring the Hispano-American quarrel under the jurisdiction of the "concert of Europe" have been telegraphed from the different European capitals. The project is distinctly of Spanish origin, and was set on foot by two influences, official and personal, the former requesting the good offices of the Chancelleries of Europe to prevent war, while the Queen Regent attempted personally to influence the sovereigns. It is understood that the tenor of these communications was to the effect that European interests are threatened by what Spain terms "the pretensions of the United States to the right to interfere in colonial matters."

France, not Austria, was the prime mover in the suggested mediation, and by her counsel it was suggested to the British Foreign Office that the powers unite in a note to the United States and Spain offering to mediate in the dispute between these two countries. Great Britain, however, definitely refused to join in the movement, stating in substance that the Cuban question did not concern her, and while it was not actually announced that she sympathized with American intervention to end the war in Cuba, such sympathy is a fact.

Communications looking to mediation are still being exchanged between the Continental powers, but the latter recognize that Great Britain's refusal to co-operate will rob the movement of much of its weight. The Emperor of Austria is the most deeply interested from certain standpoints; but financial interests seem to have actuated France even more than dynastic interest actuated Emperor Francis Joseph. Emperor William of Germany is known to be lukewarm in the matter, but there is reason to believe he has learned that the majority of Germans are unwilling that Germany should oppose the United States.

It is still uncertain whether the Continental powers will finally offer mediation. Now that Great Britain has cold-shouldered the matter, the diplomats do not believe the United States would accept such an offer, the combination being so evidently biased in favor of Spain that Spain gladly would submit her quarrel to such a tribunal.

The chief importance of the movement, in the opinion of a diplomat who is conversant with the situation is that it probably will have the effect of widening the cleavage between Great Britain and other nations and of strengthening the growing sympathy and community of interests of the United States and Great Britain.

Spain's present efforts to secure the mediation of the Pope are supposed to be due to the knowledge that European mediation probably will be a fiasco.

WASHINGTON DIPLOMATS ACT.

Conferences in Progress Looking to Mediation Between the United States and Spain.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The Diplomatic Corps is advised fully of the telegraphic exchange now going on between the capitals of Europe, and is on the qui vive. One of the members of the Diplomatic Corps expressively stated the diplomatic view of the situation to-day by saying:

"The accord or concert of the great powers is like a concert of musicians, the first requisite being that the instruments be brought into complete harmony. That is what is being done now; the instruments are being tuned to the key preparatory to sounding the first note."

It is known at the Embassies and Legations that France and Austria are most active in endeavoring to bring about a common basis for concerted action. It is understood also that the exchange has proceeded sufficiently to acquaint the powers with the fact that any step they may take toward mediation will be acceptable to Spain. There is not the same assurance that it will be acceptable to the United States, and, indeed, it is the prevailing feeling at the foreign establishments in Washington—and this feeling undoubtedly has been communicated to the powers in the European concert—that the tendency in the United States is against any mediation from foreign sources. This is regarded as making the action of the powers much more difficult. It was said to-day that any mediation by the powers would be based on the willingness of both parties to accept it.

A distinction is made in this case from that of the concert of the powers when they intervened to stop the Turko-Grecian war, and when Russia, Germany, and France combined to compel Japan to relinquish the Liao-Tung peninsula as part of her war indemnity from China. In both of these cases, the European powers carried their action to the point of a positive demand, backed up with a show of force. It is said among diplomatic officials that this attitude was due to the character of the combatants, Greece, Turkey, China, and Japan, it is said, not having attained that status before the world that the United States and Spain occupy. For that reason, it is pointed out, the action of the powers in the present crisis would be purely of a friendly character, carefully designed to avoid wounding the feelings of either party, and expressly based on their willingness to accept this medium of securing continued peace. It is stated, the understanding in diplomatic circles here, based on late advices, is that Spain stands ready to accept this mediation, while the unofficial indications are that the United States will not accept it.

The dispatch from London to-day saying that Great Britain had declined to enter the concert of the powers places a new and most important condition on this European movement, and one which may defeat it. It has been known here that Great Britain was holding out most strongly against any tender of mediation on the ground that it would look like outside pressure to force the hand of the United States. The attitude of Great Britain—and this view has been made known to the State Department—has been that the war in Cuba should cease in the interest of humanity at large.

The French Ambassador maintains his usual reserve, but it is known that he looks forward to definite action on the part of the powers at almost any moment. The Austrian Minister, Mr. von Hengelmuller, denies himself to all callers, and there is the most rigid secrecy as to his communications with the State Department. Assistant Secretary Day said at noon to-day that there had been no mediation or intervention of other powers, material or moral.

Shortly after noon the activity of the European powers began to be reflected through their representatives here. The first outward indications of this was when Sir Julian Pauncefote drove to the French Embassy and had a conference with the French Ambassador, M. Cambon, whose Government has been most instrumental in securing a concert of the powers. The call was not of a social character, but, on the contrary, certain attendant circumstances left no room for doubt that the two Ambassadors were conferring concerning the course of their Governments on the Cuban trouble. There is reason to believe, also, that this conference was preceded by the reception of long cable advices from the Foreign Offices at London and Paris. An urgent request was made of the two Ambassadors for an indication as to their probable course of action, but it was replied that the present juncture was too profoundly grave to permit the slightest public discussion of their movements.

In other diplomatic quarters it was the opinion that a general meeting of the Ambassadors and Ministers representing the powers would be held here. It was the general feeling in these quarters that whatever action was to be taken would have to be taken quickly, and that there was no further time for pourparlers between the European capitals. Notwithstanding this activity all the embassies and legations, none of the foreign representatives, separately or together, had made any overtures to the State Department up to this afternoon.

THE FLOOD AT SHAWNEETOWN.

Number of Victims Not Believed to Exceed Thirty—Destitution of the Survivors.

SHAWNEETOWN, Ill., April 5.—Twenty-three known dead, a possibility that the list may reach thirty, fifteen hundred people in actual need of the necessaries of life, seven hundred homeless, and damage to the amount of $200,000 is the net result of the flood which swept through Shawneetown late Sunday afternoon. Not one of the bodies has been recovered, and it is not likely that any will be until the waters subside, which will be in ten days or a fortnight.

There is no danger of further damage to the town unless more storms should occur, and even in that event it is difficult to see how matters can be made worse than they now are. The entire town is buried under 10 to 15 feet of water, with the exception of the houses on the embankment immediately fronting the Ohio River. All of these have water in the cellars, and the most of them are flooded to the second story. The water began to fall to-day, and by 2 o'clock this afternoon had reached eight feet from the highest mark.

There is not a loaf of bread, a pound of meat, or an ounce of drugs for sale in the town, the stocks of all the merchants having been destroyed. In addition to the pressing necessity for food, 700 people have been driven from their homes with no clothing but what they wore at the time they were overtaken by the flood. Every available room in town is occupied, and of those whose homes were wrecked a hundred or more are living in the Court House, 100 in the school house, 75 in the loft of a small elevator, 50 in a flouring mill, and 100 on the ferryboat Jessie Wilson.

The people are huddled together in these places with no beds or bedclothing, and last night fully 1000 people remained on the open levee in a cold and driving rain driven by a gale of sixty miles an hour. There is no probability, however, that they will be called upon to repeat this experience, as many of them have been taken to Mount Vernon, Cypress Junction, and other places.

The entire country north, south, and west of Shawneetown is covered with water, and locomotion in all directions is almost impossible.

Federal Aid for Shawneetown.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Senator Cullom yesterday sent a message to Chief of Engineers Wilson asking that boats be sent to Shawneetown for the relief of the sufferers from the flood, and he received the following reply, showing what had been done in this respect:

Hon. S. M. Cullom, United States Senate.

Within ten minutes after receipt of your telegram I ordered steamers to Shawneetown from St. Louis, Memphis, and Louisville, if they were available. Replies from Lieut. Patrick of the Engineers at Memphis and Capt. Waterman of the Engineers at St. Louis indicate that the United States steamer Cisco was sent from Memphis as soon as steam could be raised, and that the United States steamer Vidalia was ordered from Cairo.

JOHN M. WILSON,
Chief of Engineers.

Lieut. Ladue to Marry.

WHITESTONE, L. I., April 5.—The engineers at Willets Point expect every day to receive orders which will scatter them all along the coast at fortifications needing the services of engineers. Lieut. William B. Ladue is anxiously awaiting the order and hoping that in his case it may not be until after April 15, as on that day he is to be married. His bride is Miss Evelyn Knight, daughter of Major J. G. Knight, commandant at the post. Lieut. Ladue was graduated from Weste Point in 1894.

THE UNITED SERVICE.

Army.

Changes in the stations and duties of officers of the Medical Department are made as follows: Capt. Joseph T. Clarke, Assistant Surgeon, is relieved from duty at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, and will report to the commanding officer of Madison Barracks, New York, for duty at that post to relieve Capt. Paul Shillock, Assistant Surgeon; Capt. Shillock, upon being so relieved by Capt. Clarke, will proceed to Key West, Fla., and report to the commanding officer of the Twenty-fifth Infantry for duty with that regiment.

Transfers in the Third Infantry: First Lieut. Frank B. McCoy, from Company G to Company K; First Lieut. Charles G. Dwyer, from Company K to Company G.

Transfers in the Fifteenth Infantry: Second Lieut. Edward T. Hartmann, from Company G to Company H; Second Lieut. Benjamin M. Koehler, from Company H to Company G.

The resignation of First Lieut. George Rauchfuss, Assistant Surgeon, has been accepted, to take effect April 2.

Second Lieut. Charles P. Summerall, Fifth Artillery, will proceed to Atlanta, Ga., and report to Brig. Gen. Wm. Montrose Graham, commanding the Department of the Gulf, for appointment and duty as aide de camp, to relieve First Lieut. George F. Barney, Second Artillery, who, on being relieved, will report to the commanding officer of the Second Artillery, for appointment as Quartermaster of that regiment.

The medical treatment for which First Lieut. Edward L. Winston, Nineteenth Infantry, was ordered to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, having been completed, he will rejoin his proper station.

Capt. David A. Lyle, Ordnance Department, will make not to exceed six visits between March 28 and April 30 to the works of the Benjamin Atha and Illingworth Company, Newark, N. J., and not to exceed ten visits between March 30 and May 31, 1898, to the works of the American Steel Casting Company, Thurlow, Penn., on official business pertaining to the inspection and test of steel forgings and castings for disappearing carriages.

So much of Paragraph 9, Special Orders No. 58, March 5, as directs First Lieut. Bailey K. Ashford, Assistant Surgeon, to take station at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, is revoked, and he will report to the commanding officer at Fort St. Philip, Louisiana, for duty at that post.

So much of Special Orders No. 70, March 25, as relieves Major Casper H. Conrad, Eighth Infantry, from duty in the office of the Inspector General, in Washington, April 1, is amended to take effect May 1.

Changes in the stations and duties of officers of the Corps of Engineers: First Lieut. James F. McIndoe is relieved from duty under the immediate orders of Lieut. Col. Garrett J. Lydecker and will proceed to New York City and report to Major Henry M. Adams for duty under his immediate orders.

Second Lieut. William B. Ladue will be relieved from duty not later than April 12 under immediate orders of Major William H. Bixby and will take station at Newport, R. I., not later than April 20 and report to Major Daniel W. Lockwood for duty under his immediate orders.

The leave of absence, on surgeon's certificate of disability, granted First Lieut. Frank P. Avery, Third Infantry, is extended three months.

Navy.

Passed Assistant Surgeon F. W. Olcott is detached from the Mohican April 4 and ordered at once home and to await orders.

Ensign P. Symington is detached from the McArthur April 4 and ordered to the Franklin.

Lieut. N. A. McCully is detached from the Gedney April 4 and ordered to the Vermont.

Lieut. Commander C. T. Forse is detached from the command of the Patterson April 4 and ordered to the navy yard, New York.

Lieut. Commander A. P. Osborn is detached from the command of the McArthur April 4 and ordered to the navy yard, Norfolk.

Passed Assistant Surgeon L. T. Young is detached from the Navy Hospital, Mare Island, April 4 and ordered to the Mohican.

Lieut. W. R. Shoemaker is detached from duty with the Talbot April 4 and ordered to command the Talbot at once.

Lieut. C. S. Williams is detached from duty with the Gwin and ordered to command the Gwin April 4.

Ensign W. S. Crosley is detached from duty with and ordered to command the Algonquin April 4.

Lieut. A. R. Evans is detached from the St. Mary's April 4 and ordered to command the Tecumseh.

Lieut. J. L. Purcell is detached from duty with and ordered to command the Oneota April 4.

Passed Assistant Engineer F. C. Bowers is ordered to the New York Navy Yard April 4.

Lieut. J. B. Milton is detached from the navy yard, Mare Island, April 4 and ordered to the Vermont.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

Vesuvius arrived at Norfolk April 4.

Puritan sailed from Charleston for Key West April 4.

Standish sailed from Norfolk for Annapolis April 5.

Monongahela sailed from Norfolk for Annapolis April 5.

Brooklyn arrived at Port Monroe April 4.

SPANISH MINISTER TALKS

Senor Polo y Bernabe Appeals to the American People to Consider Both Sides.

HE DOES NOT BELIEVE IN WAR

Thinks Wiser Counsels Will Yet Prevail—Home Rule Was What the Insurgents Had Asked For—For—Further Reforms.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The Spanish Minister, Señor Polo y Bernabe, was seen at the Spanish Legation to-day, and consented to talk on the present condition of affairs. He spoke freely, and at times with intense earnestness. The interview is authoritative throughout.

"I am still hopeful of peace," said he. "That may seem optimistic at a moment when such passions are aroused, such naval and military operations are going on, and when the current of public sentiment seems to be that war is inevitable. I cannot say that I base my view that peace will prevail upon any direct or official information. On the contrary, it is my individual judgment, based solely upon the conviction that in these enlightened days two self-respecting nations, made up of men and women of high aspirations and noble instincts, can not and will not resort to the last and brutal expedient of war. It would be too wanton, too criminal, too offensive to all the dictates of civilization and Christianity for such an awful consequence to be brought about. To be sure, I cannot close my eyes to certain obvious circumstances existing both here and in Spain. At times these have inclined me to share the popular view that the relations between the two countries were fast approaching an irreconcilable issue. And yet at no time has it seemed to me, nor does it seem to me now, that that issue has progressed beyond the bounds of a reasonable and just settlement, alike honorable to both Governments.

Two Sides to the Case.

"Consider for a moment some of the elements of the present crisis," the Minister went on, speaking with much vigor. "Can it be possible that your people will consider only one side of the case? Let us for a moment admit that there are two sides to this case. There are always two sides to a case, and is it just or fair or chivalrous for your people, borne on by their strong and innate patriotism, to say, 'We are right, Spain is wrong; that ends it?' In a spirit of simple justice, why will not this disposition yield for a moment to a calm consideration of both sides of the case, including some of those factors which are vital and essential to Spain.

"Cuba has been a colony of Spain from time immemorable—from the time of the discovery by Christopher Columbus—and as a part of Spain there is clustered about it a reverence almost sacred. Cuba is regarded by our people just as you regard one of the States of your Union. What would be said if some foreign power said to the United States that Illinois or Texas or California must be free and independent of the United States? Would not your very honor be brought in question? Of course, I can understand that some one will rise up and say, 'Yes, but the States are well governed and are at peace, while Cuba is misgoverned and in a state of insurrection.' There, again, simple justice and fairness demand that there be something more than abstract assertion. To be sure, your press tells of brutal savagery existing in Cuba. I do not wish to deal in discrimination. The time for that has gone by.

No Savagery in Cuba, He Says.

"But I give you my word that this savagery does not exist at all, that all reliable reports, official and unofficial, Spanish and American, agree that whatever may have been the condition of affairs a year or two years ago, Gen. Blanco has inaugurated a humane and beneficent system characteristic of the man. Naturally, with an insurrection in progress, military affairs have pursued the usual methods of military life. And in this they have been constantly restrained at all times by the determination to have their operations worthy of an honorable nation and an honorable people. That is all Spain has sought to do in putting down a rebellion. It is what any Government on the face of the earth would do. It seeks no more and no less than to preserve her established rights.

"Now, as to autonomy. For some reason, intense feeling has been aroused in this country against the home-rule regime which Spain has inaugurated in Cuba. It seems to be overlooked, in the passion of the moment, that home rule has been the aspiration of the Cubans for years. It seems to be overlooked also that President Cleveland and Secretary Olney urged a full measure of home rule as the means likely to bring about a termination of the Cuban conflict. Spain has granted that, granted it with the deepest sincerity. There is a disposition to find flaws in the details of the plan. Let any one who is anxious to pick flaws and who cares for war take this home-rule plan and examine it in detail. He will find that it gives the Cubans the most complete control of their own affairs. They have a Parliament of their own and a Cabinet of their own Ministers. Is it fair, just as this local Parliament and local Cabinet are about to assume complete control of the Cuban affairs, to sweep aside this entire system and to declare that it is a failure before it has even been tried? I do not wish in this to repeat an argument for autonomy, but simply to call attention to the fact that plain justice dictates that a system of home rule, brought forth after the deepest solicitude and consideration, and based upon what the Cubans themselves have long desired, and on what the United States Government deemed most fitting as a settlement should not be lightly dismissed on representations of the press, or even on the representations of men of sober judgment.

On Premature Condemnation.

"If the latter say that this home rule is not a success, I reply: 'Your opportunities for investigation have not been adequate, and, moreover, success or failure cannot be judged before a system has been tried, and when its initial steps have been attended by difficulties, not only in the interior of Cuba, but circumstances without tending to defeat the end sought.

"Even though we may differ on this, at least we should agree that the judgment of one should not be forced arbitrarily upon the other. For the moment it seems as though this equitable view was set aside, and instead we hear 'Autonomy is a failure. We say so. That ends it. Spain must not say that she is either sincere or that the plan is a success or will be a success. Now is such an attitude consistent with the usual process of considering both sides of a question? Can a self-respecting nation admit of such a contemptuous disposition of a policy she has presented in the interest of peace and prosperity for Cuba?

"As to the reconcentrados, I can only say that the decrees of concentrados have been revoked, and urgent steps are being made for the relief of these poor creatures. While there is no doubt of the misery of their condition, yet the Government is making the most heroic efforts to alleviate this condition. As to the insurgents, they have borne arms against Spain for three years, entailing terrible loss of life and money. And yet believing these men to be misguided, the Government has sought to regain their confidence. Even to-day the official gazette at Havana publishes an appeal by the home-rule Government, urging all those in arms, insurgents as well as Spaniards, to cease hostilities, join hands, and unite in celebrating the restoration of peace. It tells them also that if this home rule is not perfect that it may be improved.

The Invitation to Rebels.

"In short, the insurgents are invited to join the Spanish soldiers in laying down their arms, saying that a period of calm may be given during which just and wise counsels may prevail for the permanent betterment of Cuba. Whether this will succeed I do not know. It seems as though some of the insurgent leaders, and particularly their Cuban advisers in this country, were bent upon an irresponsible policy and were deaf to reason, to a cessation of arms or to any proposition calculated to restore peace, no matter how beneficial it might be for Cuba.

"You ask me as to the latest phases of negotiation. Of this I cannot speak, owing to the restrictions of my position. I can only say that, despite the animosities aroused, I believe that calm counsel will yet prevail and that the United States and Spain will be able to solve this problem on a basis just and honorable to all concerned and without recourse to arms. I fully recognize the earnestness, patriotism, and intense vigor of the American people. But I feel that it is not improper for me to suggest that at such a profoundly solemn moment earnestness and strength should be tempered with calm judgment and a disposition to look at both sides of the question and not alone at one side."

Canadian Sugar Duties Raised.

OTTAWA, April 5.—Mr. Fielding announced to-day that the tariff on raw sugar would be increased from 50 cents per 100 pounds to 65½ cents per 100 pounds. The polariscope test would be used instead of the present analysis system. In the case of refined sugar, that would also be an increase in duty. Sugar not 99½ degrees paid $1 per 100 pounds, and under the new tariff would be $1.24½. Sugar from the West Indies would be entitled to 25 per cent. reduction. This increase in the tariff was made to meet the reduction in the revenue which would come from the adoption of the preferential tariff.

Coffin Held at Ward Line Dock.

Officials from the navy yard called three times yesterday at the dock where the Ward Line steamer City of Washington is tied up for the metallic coffin supposed to contain the body of Assistant Engineer Darwin R. Merritt, which was brought from Havana and consigned to the navy yard, but were unable to obtain it without a Custom House permit. When they went to the Custom House to get the necessary permit it was closed, and the body was held at the dock until this morning. The consignor of the coffin, which was not accompanied by a death certificate, was Lieut. Commander Wainwright.

National Guardsmen Lose Their Work.

BEVERLY, N. J., April 5.—J. McElroy, a knit goods manufacturer here, discharged two operatives of the factory, members of the National Guard, who on Tuesday last responded to a trial call to arms by the commander of their company. The citizens are aroused over the affair and constructed an effigy, which was burned last night in the main part of the town in the presence of a large crowd. There is great indignation in the town over the discharge of the men.

Well-Known Lumberman Dying.

OSWEGO, N. Y., April 5.—Isaac P. Wetmore, for thirty years one of Northern New York's leading lumbermen and well known in Canada, was to-night stricken with paralysis in the Street. He is likely to die.

The Only Thing Needed.

To Remove Bronchitis, Catarrh, Consumption and Pneumonia

From the List of Dangerous Diseases Is the Education of the People.

Ever since the discovery that catarrh, bronchitis, pneumonia, and consumption were purely local diseases, caused by the presence of bacilli in the air passages, the medical profession throughout the whole world have bent all their energies to finding some method or remedy by which these bacilli could be reached and destroyed. How they have succeeded is best told by a glance at the reports published by the different Boards of Health in all the larger cities in this country, which show not only a great increase in the number of deaths yearly from these diseases, but a startling growth in the number of persons afflicted. This failure to find a cure for diseases of the respiratory organs must not be construed to mean a lack of ability on the part of the medical profession, for they have discovered many remedies which would kill these germs. Yet, strange to say, not one of them could be conveyed to the parts affected by dry air. It can be readily seen, then, that the discovery of "Hyomei," a germicide of sufficient power to kill at once the bacilli of these diseases, and at the same time volatile enough to impregnate every particle of air breathed by the patient, yet leaving it free from moisture, was one of vital importance to the medical world. Doctors throughout the whole country began to test the efficacy of this new remedy, and now, after two years' trial in hundreds of cases under their own care, over 8,000 physicians claim that "Hyomei," the Australian Dry Air Cure, is the only treatment by which all the diseased parts of the respiratory organs can be reached and cured.

Furthermore, it is claimed that in families who are predisposed to catarrh and consumption, if the fathers and mothers will but instruct their children in the use of "Hyomei," the rising generation will be freed from those dread diseases. It would seem, then, that nothing remains to be done in order to remove these diseases from the list of dangerous ones but to teach the people the value of "Hyomei."

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Absolutely Correct.

ICE-BOUND WHALERS FAMISHED

Third Officer Tilton Says the Vessels Will Be Ground to Pieces by Ice—Relief Not Yet Arrived.

NANAIMO, B. C., April 5.—George F. Tilton, third officer of the steam whaler Belvidere, who has just reached the outside world from the vessels imprisoned in the ice, says that the steam tender Jeanie, the steam whalers Orca and Belvidere, the schooner Rosario, and a bark are near Point Barrow.

He says that the men on the frozen vessels are suffering untold privations on account of the scarcity of provisions, and are compelled to feed on the rankest of fish and meat. The natives are disposing of their canines at $50 a head.

Tilton came south by way of the Mackenzie and Yukon River and was just five months and twenty-two days making the trip of 2,000 miles to the Pacific Coast, during which he and his two Indian guides suffered the most excruciating agony from the intense cold.

On his way out Tilton met Lieut. Jarvis and the other relief expedition. He reached them in the night at which time he was frozen in, with twenty-three men and seventeen dogs, and was known one night to the men as Tilton's Ghost. Tilton Jarvis ... and ... he ... to take him and his guides to await a southbound vessel. He was intercepted north of Sitka by the Albion and was transferred to her and came south.

The United States rescue steamer Bear, which is at Dutch Harbor, has not as yet been of any assistance to the ill-fated whalers, who have been imprisoned in the ice since Oct. 10.

No deaths had occurred among the whalers when Tilton started south. Speaking of the prospects of the whalers, he said that beyond a doubt the vessels were total wrecks. As soon as the ice breaks the vessels will be ground into match wood.

The whalers do not know that any efforts are being made to relieve them. There is a possibility that aid may be rushed overland by the route Tilton followed.

Labels in Department Stores.

At the Social Reform Club, 28 East Fourth Street, the discussion last night was on the topic of union labels. Mrs. Maud Nathan told of a label which it is proposed by the Consumers' League to issue, which is to be put on all articles sold in the department stores, with the object of guaranteeing to purchasers that the employers of those places treat their workmen properly. There were also talks by Starr Michels and Edward King.

Hunyadi János

Taken in the morning either fasting or at dinner with hot or cold water, it produces a gentle evacuation without leaving behind it any disagreeable effects.

WANTED HIS WIFE'S TEETH.

Summerville Sought to Recover His Wedding Present on the Street.

Because James Summerville thought his wife too pretty and tried to pull out of her mouth two lower front teeth which he had presented to her as a wedding gift nine months ago at a cost of $8, Magistrate Wentworth, in the West Side Police Court, fined him $10 yesterday morning. The Summervilles have not been living together for several months, and when on Monday James met his wife going to the factory where she worked, after renewing his prayers and entreaties that she come home to him again and meeting with a refusal, he seized her by the arm and inserted his fingers in her mouth, in an attempt to extract the teeth, exclaiming, "You're too pretty, and I'm going to spoil your beauty."

Summerville was frustrated in his designs by the passing citizens and made his escape, but was afterward arrested at his home.

Secretary Sherman Here.

Secretary Sherman arrived in the city last night and took quarters at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. He said his visit had no connection with National affairs, and that he was not prepared to talk about Cuba or the possible result of the President's message to Congress. He is here in the interest of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, of which he has been a Director for many years.

METHODISTS ASSAIL SPAIN

The New York Conference Demands the Expulsion of Spanish Rule from Cuba.

NO PAPAL MEDIATION WANTED

Only Three Votes Against This Report of the Committee—An Unusual Display of Patriotism—The Appointments of Ministers.

A demonstration of a character rarely seen at a gathering of churchmen accompanied and followed the report of the Committee on National Affairs, presented to the members of the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church yesterday at the Metropolitan Temple at the morning gathering of the last day of its ninety-ninth session.

The report demands the exclusion of Spain from this hemisphere, proclaims Spain's responsibility for the explosion under the Maine, and terminates with expressions of confidence in President McKinley. Three votes were cast against the adoption of the report and 165 for it. The indignation of the majority against the stand taken by the trio of dissenters found expression in cries of contempt.

After business of a routine nature had been transacted, the report was made the order of the day, shortly after 10 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. John M. King, the General Secretary of the National League for the Protection of American Institutions, as Chairman of the committee, presented the report, which is in part as follows:

The relation of Spain to the Americas has always been that of suppression and spoliation, of commercial monopoly and political despotism, and her grasp has never been relaxed except by successive revolts and revolutions. We believe that the following facts constitute an indictment demanding the expulsion of Spanish rule from Cuba:

1. Its destruction of commercial interests of the United States, already making an invoice of hundreds of millions of treasure.

2. Its insolent searching of our merchantmen on the high seas and repudiation of claims for restitution.

3. Its cowardly insult to our honored President, by its representative at our Nation's capital.

4. Its trivial treatment of international diplomatic relations.

5. Its requiring the United States, in obedience to humiliating treaty obligations, to police the seas, to prevent the extension of aid to struggling patriots seeking aid.

6. Its criminally permissive, if not ordered, destruction of the Unites States battleship Maine, with the loss of the lives of 266 American defenders.

7. Its barbarity and inhumanity in the methods of warfare, with its treacherous murder of men, its herding and starving of the aged, and women and children, to the extent of over 400,000 in number; its ingenious and exterminating tortures of a people it has neither the courage nor the vigor to conquer.

8. Its sacrilegious pretext of claiming to be a Christian nation.

9. Its prostitution of the moral sense of our citizens by obliging them for years to look upon and become familiar with fiendish barbarism, so near us that we can almost hear the cries of its victims.

10. Its paralyzing power upon the Christian civilization of the century, by holding in darkness denser than that of the Middle Ages the inhabitants of the fairest island of the sea.

We want no overtures from our Government or to our Government for settlement of the burning questions confronting us as a Nation, based upon propositions emanating from Rome. Let efforts emanating from that source exhaust themselves in humanising and civilising Spain. American institutions will guard their own honor.

We desire to renew our expression of confidence in the patriotism, courage, and capacity of the President of the United States, and to record our faith in the wisdom of his counselors, and the belief that Congress will be found equal to the demands of every National emergency. We commend our rulers and lawmakers to the confidence of the people and the guidance of God. We pray that the issue of the events of these momentous days may redound to the glory of God and to the good of man.

At the conclusion of nearly every period of the report, the Ministers interrupted with hearty applause. At the reference against mediation through the Pope, the applause was particularly long and strong. Immediately the Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, pastor of the Temple, started to sing "My Country, 'tis to Thee," and all joined in.

Bishop Hurst put the question of the adoption of the report to a vote, which he announced as unanimous in favor of its acceptance. A hush of surprise followed, when the Rev. George B. Mead of Amagate, N. Y. said that he had risen against the adoption of the report, and demanded the recognition of his vote. Bishop Hurst called for another vote, and 165 votes were counted for the adoption of the report. Against this course the Rev. A. H. Haynes of Largrangeville, N. Y.; the Rev. Richard Wheatley of Cold Springs, and Dr. Mead were recorded.

On the motion of the Rev. J. W. Macomber it was voted to send the report to President McKinley and the Committees on Foreign Relations in both houses. The members of the committee who drew up the report were the Revs. J. M. King, C. W. Millard, A. J. Palmer, T. Lamont, J. W. Campbell, C. E. Wright, S. Lowther, P. M. Watters, and E. L. Hoffecker.

It took several minutes for the stir over the committee's report to settle. Bishop E. G. Andrews then took the chair, and the report of the Committee on Temperance was read by the Rev. Dr. John Read of Yonkers. In the course of the report the committee pledged that it was, as a conference, "for local option," condemned the Raines law, and deplored the treating habit.

A sharp controversy then came over declaring for local option. The report was finally adopted, several amendments aimed against the local-option clause being defeated.

Among other matters of business at the morning session, W. F. Ottarson was ordained as Deacon, and it was voted that on Oct. 3 each Methodist Episcopal Church in this city take a collection for missions.

At the afternoon and evening sessions the greater part of the time was devoted to routine matters. Bishop Hurst, in an address upon the proposed American University, said that infidelity was at the base of the proposed institution, and he assured his hearers that the university would never be established.

The last act of business before the conference adjourned was the assignment of ministers. In his prayer before announcing the assignments, Bishop Hurst said: "May we never engage in war nor shed one drop of blood unless the cause is just. Let the attitude of our people be such that God in heaven approves." Expressing his own sentiment, later, he said: "I hope we shall have no war. May God avert such a calamity!"

Changes in Assignments.

In the assignment of ministers the following changes from the assignments of last year were made:

KINGSTON DISTRICT—Ashland, George W. Rice; Blenheim, Mindo Vleichert; Bloomville, M. B. Cummings; Lexington, to be supplied; Livingstonville, to be supplied; Malden, C. J. Deming; New Baltimore; John E. Fyfe; Oak Hill, Samuel Bullen; Phoenecia, O. W. Thompson; Pine Hill and Shandaken, J. M. Bennette; Ravena, J. W. Leadbetter, Round Top and Acra, to be supplied; Stamford, F. D. Abrams; West Fulton, to be supplied; West Hurley, F. C. Sommers.

NEWBURGH DISTRICT.—Accord, E. T. Byles; Alligerville, N. L. Heroy; Bloomingburgh, W. R. Hunt; Bridgeville, R. L. Rose; Bullville, to be supplied; Cannonsville, to be supplied; Cook's Falls, Matthol and Acidalia, to be supplied; Crawford and Galeville, to be supplied; Deposit, Alfred Cooms; East Branch, J. P. Carley; Florida, to be supplied; Goshen, Arthur M. Grimn; Hancock, L. L. Carter; Highland, W. H. Clarke; Hurleyville, Frederick Withey; Korhonkson, to be supplied; Modena, W. W. Wilcox; Monroe, T. W. Downs; Monticello, G. N. Ramsay; Napanock, to be supplied; Newburgh, Grace Church, Arthur Jamieson; Trinity, C. Iglehart; Stevensville, to be supplied; Stone Bridge, B. E. Smith; Trout Creek and Lacoma, to be supplied.

NEW YORK DISTRICT—Boscobel, to be supplied; Croton Lake, C. R. Osero; Croton-on-Hudson, Matty Sheldon; Gordon's Bridge, C. H. Reynolds; Katonah, Ell Quick; Lake Mahopac, C. W. Londom; Mount Kisco A. T. Civill; New York, Calvary, W. F. Seal; Centenary, Angelo Ostrander; Fordham, D. W. Hanasbrugh; Perry Street, S. C. Hearn; *Franklin Street, to be supplied; *Purchase, W. F. Tetley; *Shrub Oak, A. M. Gay; Tarrytown, *G. Paul, J. G. Oakley; Tuckahoe, William Ackroyd; *West Farmersville, G. G. Kerner; Yorktown Heights and Mount Zion, M. W. Asberry.

POUGHKEEPSIE DISTRICT.—Alford, James Boustead; Chatham, David McCartney; Claverack, to be supplied; Copake, S. S. Fredericks; Dalesville, J. R. Lane; Fishkill-on-the-Hudson, Thomas Lamont; Gayleordsville, to be supplied; Johnsville, to be supplied; Lakeville, Jesse Ackerman; Lime, R. R. Potter; Lithgow, to be supplied; Millan, to be supplied; New Fairfield, Hayland Hollow and Reynoldsville, to be supplied; Pine Plains, C. T. Cooper; North Goshen and South Norfolk, to be supplied; North Highland, to be supplied; Pine Plains, to be supplied; Poughkeepsie, Trinity, J. Imperial colcin. The Creek Beasie; Red Hook, P. V. Chase; Rhinebeck, E. F. White; Rhinecliff and Hillside, to be supplied; Spencertown, G. H. Kerr; Stockport, to be supplied; Tivoli, W. Brauer; Washington, David Phillips; West Stockbridge, to be supplied.

New York East Conference.

The New York East Conference continued its sessions yesterday in the James Methodist Church, Hamilton, Bloomingdale. While the considered, Presiding Elder Charles S. Wing said that Carl John Stenstrom had been unable to locate. The Rev. Dr. Hill said he did not think Mr. Stenstrom was cut out for a pastor. It was decided to have a trial. A committee was appointed, which later reported that the charge of insufficiency was sustained. The East Maine proposition to decrease the proportion of ministerial representation in the General Conference from one in forty-five to one in sixty and two lay delegates was adopted by a vote of 121 to 69.

CAMDEN CONFERENCE CLOSED.

CAMDEN, April 5.—The Southern New Jersey Methodist Episcopal Conference closed here to-day, after selecting Atlantic City as the next place of meeting. The statistical report of the conference shows the following figures: Total number of churches, 327; value, $2,109,795; number of parsonages, 178; estimated value, $470,720; paid for improvements, $118,316; paid on church indebtedness, $52,505; present church indebtedness, $519,729. There is in the conference a total membership of 51,309, with 5,953 probationers. The number of Sunday schools is 326; officers and teachers, 7,226; scholars, 55,324. Among the chief appointments were: Camden District, Presiding Elder, D. B. Harris; Atlantic City, Central, A. H. Eberhardt; First, G. S. Maserell; St. Paul's, G. L. Dobbins; New Brunswick, District, Presiding Elder, J. L. Roe; Bridgeton District, Presiding Elder, J. B. Graw.

STATE ENGINEER EXAMINED.

Mr. Adams Unable to Find the Memoranda on Which His Canal Estimates Were Based.

ALBANY, April 5.—The examination of State Engineer and Surveyor Adams was continued by the Canal Investigating Commission when it resumed its session at 10 o'clock to-day. Counsel Blackmar led to the report made by the State Engineer to the Constitutional Convention of 1894, which decided to provide $9,000,000 for canal improvement. Mr. Adams testified in part as follows:

"It was estimated that work on the Erie Canal would cost $5,810,000; on the Oswego, $1,208,000; on the Champlain, $2,300,000; for lengthening, $2,755,000; a total of $11,873,000. This estimate did not include the cost of constructing any vertical walls, and such cost was placed at the round figure of $1,000,000. These estimates were based on the blue-line maps of the canals in the engineer's office, which showed the length of the canals, the number of locks, and other such details. Access was also had to the records of the survey of 1876, which showed the cross sections and elevations of all parts of the canals.

Commissioner McEchron asked Mr. Adams if the commission could not have access to the memoranda on which these estimates were based. Mr. Adams replied that he was unable to find the memoranda on which the estimates were made, although his entire office had been diligently searched.

Asked if he did not have formal reports from subordinates who assisted in making the estimates, he replied that no such reports had been received.

Mr. Adams then stated that prior to the request of the Constitutional Convention for estimates for the cost of canal improvements, a conference was held in his office on that subject by the engineers of his department and the representatives of commercial bodies of the State. These representatives had submitted estimates for canal improvement, which he and his engineers said were too low. The commercial representatives said that it would be necessary to make low estimates or else the Constitutional Convention would not consider the question favorably.

It is the intention of the commission to examine Superintendent of Public Works Aldridge when it has finished with Mr. Adams.

FORGED NOTES IN BOSTON.

J. L. Tucker and Others Arrested for Uttering the Signature of John Stewart & Co. of New York.

BOSTON, April 5.—A man said to be John W. Cotton called at the office of Andrew F. Leatherbee, a lumber dealer at 376 Albany Street, on Friday last, and represented that he was going to build a house in Somerville. He wanted to purchase the necessary lumber, and ordered about $1,000 worth, in payment for which he is alleged to have presented a note for $1,500 signed by the John Stewart Company of New York and countersigned John Stewart.

The people at the lumber office were suspicious of the note and said that before they accepted it they would have to look up the standing of the concern. Instead of doing so they wired to New York asking the company if they had issued any such note, and the reply came back that the paper was probably a forgery. Sunday Mr. Stewart came to Boston, and after examining the note pronounced it a forgery.

When Cotton called again Monday at the lumber office Inspector Mahoney placed him under arrest. Cotton is said to have told the police that he obtained the note from Michael Keyes. Keyes was arrested, and he in turn is alleged to have said that he obtained the note from Henry D. O. Kerros, having an office at 5 Park Square.

A letter was found upon Keyes from John L. Tucker of New York, and it is alleged that the writer asked Keyes to return certain notes which he had in his possession, and which Tucker had intimated he had previously asked Keyes to return simultaneously with the alleged attempt to utter the paper at Leatherbee's office.

Kerros is said to have given a note for $1,000, also signed by the John Stewart Company, to Frank E. Wyman of 67 Chauncey Street, who is agent for Steinfelt & Rosenblat of 596 Broadway, New York. This note is said to have been forwarded to the latter concern, and is probably in their possession. Kerros, who formerly worked for the Stewart Company, is said to have told the police that he obtained the note from Tucker also. Chief Watts at once ordered Tucker's arrest.

John L. Tucker, twenty-two years old, who claims to be a broker, and says he lives at 255 West Twenty-second Street, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Reody and O'Rourke of the Central Office on a telegram from Boston. The complainant is William Burke of Boston. Tucker is supposed to have passed bogus checks.

BROKE ANOTHER RECORD.

The North German Lloyd racer, the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, began the 1898 season of ocean-record breaking in the trip completed yesterday morning at this port. She made the trip from Southampton, over a course of 3,120 knots, in 5 days and 20 hours. This beats her best previous record breaking performance by 2 hours and 35 minutes. The former record was made on her maiden trip in September last year, when she covered a course from Southampton of 3,050 knots at an average speed of 21.39 knots. On the trip just completed she reeled off an average of 22.29 knots an hour. Had she come over the course covered in the September trip at this speed her time would have been 5 days 16 hours 50 minutes.

The passengers who landed yesterday were delighted at the vessel's performance. Her daily runs had been a subject of all absorbing interest throughout. It had been hoped she would beat her best hourly average, made on an eastward voyage, of 22.35 knots, but Capt. Engelbart saw the promises of bad weather when she reached the Banks and knew that he could not hope to do this. From the time of starting to noon of the next day, March 31, there was a fresh breeze and moderate sea, and the run was 458 knots. To noon of April 1 there was a moderate breeze and sea, and the day's run was 555 knots. Then followed to April 2, noon, light breeze and smooth sea, 555 knots; to noon, April 3, fresh to light breeze and smooth sea, 561 knots; to the 4th, northeast storm off the Banks, thick snow, and high seas, followed by clearing, 536 knots. The run from noon of the 4th to 7 o'clock yesterday morning, 461 knots, brought her to Sandy Hook. She ran into the storm that raged along this coast yesterday morning off Sandy Hook.

Capt. Engelbart said yesterday that while the Kaiser was at Bremerhaven the Emperor William and members of the Cabinet boarded the vessel and she made a little run out into the North Sea that they might know what it was to sail on her. She did not attempt any great speed, however. The Emperor was delighted, and gave to the Captain his photograph and the Imperial colors. The Captain believes he is the first ship's Captain thus honored.

J. Pierpont Morgan, who was a passenger, said he had enjoyed his trip. He refused to be interviewed. Among the other passengers from Bremen and Southampton were Richard Harding Davis, Dr. J. P. Miller, J. C. Prince, Dr. E. S. Purg, Lieut. R. L. Russell, United States Navy; Major J. W. Stine, A. E. Stanwell, H. Whitney, L. P. Roberts, L. Hamlin, and Capt. C. Harrison.

BONDS ISSUED BY CUBANS

Report that They Have Been Used to Purchase Support Denied by Junta Officials.

TREASURER GUERRA INDIGNANT

Only $100,000 Worth Have Been Disposed Of, He Says, and Offers to Submit His Books to Any Competent Authority.

The belief of members of the Junta that forces are at work in Washington looking to intervention by this Government without recognition of the present Cuban Republic was strengthened yesterday by reports received from Washington. Light seemed to be thrown on the statement made the preceding day, in which Horatio S. Rubens characterised those working to this end as "the financial element of the peace-at-any-price people," who, realising that action by this country had become inevitable, sought now to have the insurgents ignored in whatever action this Government should take.

To further their purpose, these persons, it was said yesterday, had availed themselves of the reports in which it had been made to appear that bonds of the revolutionary government had been lavishly used to purchase support, and that recognition of the republic as at present constituted would be but lending the power and influence of the United States to give value to these bonds and enrich their holders. Representations to this effect, it was said, had been made to high officials, and to the President himself, and it was feared they had not been without effect.

Mr. Rubens was asked yesterday if the Junta would make a statement in reference to Cuban bonds and the charges made concerning the use to which they had been put. His reply to this was to send a message to Benjamin F. Guerra, Treasurer of the Cuban Revolutionary Party and of the delegation in the United States. Mr. Guerra, who was at his office in Water Street, appeared shortly at the offices of the Junta and answered all questions put to him freely, eventually formulating his replies in the following statement:

"As Treasurer of the Cuban Revolutionary Party and this delegation, I am authorized to sign all bonds which are issued, and I have control of them jointly with Gen. Palma, the delegate. Regarding the statements which have appeared in certain unfriendly papers to the effect that newspapers and public men have received large blocks of bonds of the Cuban Republic, designed to enlist their sympathy and support, I will say that the charges are made in the utmost bad faith and for the purpose of casting aspersions on those who have been active in furthering our cause. Now, with reference to the bonds, they were printed by two concerns, F. R. Warley of 180 Broadway printed bonds for us in denominations of $50, $100, $500, and $1,000, aggregating $3,000,000 face value. Bonds were also printed by the New York Bank Note Company of 75 Sixth Avenue in denominations of $5 and $10, and aggregating in face value $150,000. These were the only bonds we have had printed, though we had authority to issue them to the extent of $10,000,000. Absolutely none others have been issued on behalf of the Cuban Republic.

"There are extant bonds issued by the revolutionary party of the war of 1868-78, but none of these have been handled by us, and we have never assumed responsibility for any obligations other than the issues referred to, made by the present Government, and that was in 1896. Of these $5,150,000 we have disposed of not more than $100,000 face value, and these were sold for cash. We have had numerous offers for our bonds, but as we would sell them at the rates offered only in very large blocks the negotiations came to nothing. The average price obtained for those disposed of was 40 cents on the dollar.

"It is highly probable that the malicious stories concerning these bonds have originated with certain parties who about ten days ago told us that the reason for the delay of this Government in taking action was due to obstacles which could be removed if we would agree to give them $10,000,000 of our bonds for $2,000,000 cash. We of course refused, and we were told that we would be sorry for it.

"We have never given any bonds to any newspapers or newspaper men, or to any official of the United States Government, or to any one whomsoever for political services. The idea is plainly ridiculous, for we did not need to do so, and we do not to-day.

"I have in my possession one of the bonds printed, except the $100,000 which we sold, and I am ready to show them to anybody who has any interest in seeing them.

"As we did not have to purchase the sympathy and support of the American people, so we did not have to think of purchasing the press or its representatives, or Congress, or the high American officials. It is worthy of note that these insinuations emanate only from the few rabid anti-Cuban papers of the country. These statements are a direct insult to the American press, to Congress, and every official of this country who is in sympathy with our cause.

"Not one bond has passed out of my hands without being paid for in cash, and I stand ready to make this statement under oath and to show my books to any competent authority."

PANDO'S MARCH TO SANTA ANNA

It Is Given Out in Havana That He Defeated the Insurgents in Many Skirmishes.

HAVANA, April 5.—At the Palace it is given out that Gen. Pando on March 26 left Vertientes, Province of Puerto Principe, and that during his march to Santa Anna he sustained only slight skirmishes, destroying large quantities of supplies stored for the insurgents, and capturing many horses. At Yeguas the Spanish column, according to the Palace account, dispersed the insurgents. At San Blas the insurgents confronted the troops of the Spanish commander, but were finally defeated, leaving many dead on the field, and having seven captured.

At Iman, Gen. Castellanos, with forces of all arms, has destroyed everything that could be serviceable to the insurgents, carrying the work of destruction toward Solodad. He sustained a continuous fire on the way, the Spanish forces losing one killed, a Lieutenant, and thirty soldiers wounded.

At San Felipe, Juan Bautista, and Cubans Libre, the Spanish sustained a severe fire, killing the insurgent Lieut. Emelio Nunes, destroying several sugar mills and ranches.

There has also been considerable activity on the part of the Government troops in other parts of the same province.

HEALTH PROHIBITIONS MODIFIED.

Americans Not Required to be Examined on Leaving Havana.

HAVANA, April 5.—The Bache and the Blake arrived this morning from Key West to take to the United States American citizens who desire to leave the island. It now appears that the yellow fever prohibitions are modified in Florida only so far as the Americans are concerned.

The Olivette may not come here Thursday, as had been expected. All depends whether those who wish to go prove numerous enough to require more boats than the Bache, the Blake, and the Mascotte. The knowledge of the arrival of these vessels and of the modification of the quarantine rules was not generally known among Americans in Havana this morning, but when they are aware of it there may be a good deal of crowding.

Dr. Fernandez's office witnessed to-day the same large attendance as yesterday of people eager to be vaccinated or to be examined for health certificates.

Sale of Oranges for Cuban Fund.

The Riverside (Cal.) Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Riverside Fruit Exchange, has shipped a carload of California oranges to this city to be disposed of at auction for the benefit of the Cuban relief fund. The shipment consists of about 300 boxes of the choicest fruit. J. H. Schneider of 101 Park Place, the agent of the Riverside Fruit Exchange, has placed the fruit in the hands of E. L. Goodsell, the auctioneer for the Fruit Auction Company, to be knocked down to the highest bidders to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock on Pier, Pier No. 20, North River. The auctioneer reports from the sale will be turned over to the Cuban Relief Society, every person connected with the packing, shipping, and selling of the fruit having contributed the use of same.

Sometimes a man has one shoulder higher than the other. You would never know it after we made his suit.

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THREE INCHES OF SNOW

Mist and a High Wind from the North Accompanied the Unexpected Fall.

BUDS AND EARLY CROPS SUFFER

Storm Extended Over the Greater Part of the State—Stamford Line Boat Shadyside in Collision in East River.

The lamb which exalted himself early in March was humbled yesterday morning by the proverbial lion. There were indications as early as Sunday that that lamb would need more than his young fleece to keep him warm before the days of April showers, the gentle gatherer of the trailing arbutus to the contrary notwithstanding. It was very bad weather yesterday morning for the dainty little flowers of Spring that come up betimes and smile in fancied security beneath the mold of last year's leafage.

It seemed like a downright snorter of a blizzard that had struck this town overnight to the awakened New Yorker, who rubbed open his sleepy eyes to behold, bewildered, streets and buildings covered with snow and a lot more of the flaky stuff rushed to a reckless slant in its downward course by a howling blast from out the north.

It was a regular Winter storm that had come on April 5, and persons said, as they always do when snow comes in April, "Who ever saw such weather in April?" But the Weather Bureau clerk said that it was nothing unusual. A storm had been working over from Arkansas to the coast. It was central somewhere off Hatteras in the morning, and in its course to the northeast New York was caught in its western edge. It left rain in some places before it left the coast, but the temperature here was about right for snow, so we had snow.

There was a good deal of mist accompaniment, and the humidity was 100 at 8 A. M. That made it feel colder than it was. The lowest temperature was only 25° at 11:45 A. M., but one felt chilled through, though he wore the raiment that kept him comfortable in the Winter with the mercury shivering around 10°.

The snow and mist, the humidity and temperature were exasperated into being as obnoxious as possible by a wind that blew most of the morning at from twenty-five to thirty miles an hour, and, shifting to northwest, developed a velocity of thirty-seven miles at two o'clock in the afternoon. The temperature, however, began to rise after that and reached its maximum, 29 degrees, at 4:30 P. M.

The uniformed force that was once the pride of Col. Waring got to work early, and the snow-removing equipment that had been put by was brought out. The department had three inches of snow to grapple with. That, at least, was the amount that fell between 3:05 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.

For precedents the storm of yesterday could cite April 3, 1895, when the city was blanketed with snow, and April 6 and 7, 1896, when three inches fell. In the same month last year, but a week later, there was a snowstorm, followed by rain.

The storm had blown over before the afternoon was old, and during most of last evening the moon was shining bright in a clear sky, which later, however, became overcast. The storm was off the coast last night east of Boston.

While the snow and mist were thick yesterday morning the Stamford Line boat Shadyside came in collision with a railroad float off Pier 38 East River. The starboard paddle wheel of the steamboat was smashed and she had to come back to her pier. There was some little excitement among her passengers.

Reports from Long Island quoted the farmers as saying that the storm had been very destructive to buds and early crops. Budding fruit trees in Jersey also suffered. Farmers in that section, however, hope that the snow may save seed from the blight of frosts, and there is still hope that the peach crop has not been seriously affected.

Pears are thought to be a lost crop, however. Most of the varieties were well advanced. The buds required only a warm rain to burst. The frost has killed them. The southern counties are from two to three weeks earlier than the ones in the latitude of New York, and in some places farmers report that fruit trees were in bloom. Last night the petals had withered and were falling.

The snow extended over the greater part of the State, and the cold was felt almost as severely at Cape May as in Bergen.

BLIZZARD IN MONMOUTH COUNTY.

Fruit Crop Will Be Seriously Damaged by Frost, Growers Say.

MATAWAN, N. J., April 5.—A blizzard, accompanied by a heavy fall of snow, struck Monmouth County early this morning, and although the weather has cleared to-night the thermometer is below the freezing point, and the fruit growers say that the cold snap will seriously injure the fruit crop.

The warm weather previous to this time had started the buds, especially upon the peach trees and the Keiffer pears, the latter being grown in great numbers throughout Monmouth County. The farmers say that the snow and ice will to-night freeze upon the buds, and kill them completely.

The snow of to-day is said to be the first that has fallen in Monmouth County during the month of April in many years.

Suicide of Asa Nichols.

Asa Nichols, a deckhand on the revenue cutter Chandler for fifteen years, committed suicide at the Whitehall Hotel yesterday by asphyxiation. He had been despondent for some time, and said he saw little to live for.

Staats-Zeitung to Entertain.

The officers of the Austrian corvette Donau have accepted the invitation of Oswald Ottendorfer to inspect The Staats-Zeitung Building on Saturday night. After viewing the plant the visitors will be further entertained at the German Press Club.

Thirty Tons of Food Shipped.

KEY WEST, April 5.—Thirty tons of provisions for the Cuban reconcentrados that have been delayed here for three weeks will leave by the Mascotte to-night.

TREASURY READY FOR WAR

Assistant Secretary Vanderlip Says Preparations Have Gone On Since Maine Disaster.

WE HAVE $730,000,000 IN GOLD

The Government Holds $175,000,000 and the Banks Have More—The Country Never Stronger Financially—A Contrast with 1861.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—"While the Navy and the War Departments have necessarily been much in evidence in the making of preparations for the possibly impending conflict between the United States and Spain," said Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, "the Treasury Department has not been behind in giving close attention to what is quite as essential as battleships, namely, the National finances as they relate to war. Recently ex-President Harrison said: 'The Treasury Department is the steam plant from which all other departments get their power.'

"While battleships are being overhauled, repaired, and made ready for action, the officials of the Treasury Department have been going over this power-generating establishment of the Government, looking into the history of past conflict, seeing what its organization is capable of, measuring new conditions represented by the increased wealth and population of the country, and generally making complete preparation for speedy action in case of necessity.

"When war comes new influences operate upon the public revenues. The first boom of cannon is a call for increased resources, and is likely to be followed by sharp decrease in ordinary receipts. Fortunately, at no time since the civil war has the United States Treasury occupied so strong a position as it does now, with the exception possibly of the surplus days of 1865-90. The circulation statement of the Treasury Department issued April 4 shows that we have an enormous stock of gold in the country, almost $730,000,000. Of this amount the United States Treasury holds $175,000,000 net gold. We are $75,000,000 above the traditional reserve maintained for the redemption of the United States notes and the test of 1890, and the tendency is toward an increase at the rate of $200,000 a day. About 10 per cent. of the customs receipts are being paid in gold.

Banks Have Gathered Gold.

"Contrast the condition of the Government at the outbreak of the civil war. July 1, 1861, the United States Treasury had but $2,862,000 gold, and scarcely any other kind of money. To-day our cash balance of $226,000,000 is 77 per cent. in the yellow metal. In 1861, from August to November, the Treasury had to resort to the Associated Banks of New York, Philadelphia, and Boston. The banks of these cities held only a small amount in gold, and yet they furnished practically $150,000,000 to the Treasury in gold. The Government then began its paper issues, and these, added to the strain on the banks' specie reserve, resulted in the suspension of specie payments by them in December of that year.

"The situation between that period and the present is in marked contrast. Of the great stock of gold in the country, the National banks alone hold more than $220,000,000. Since the disaster to the Maine in Havana harbor banks throughout the whole country have quietly pursued a policy which, without disturbing business has made them financially stronger, not less important to the country's welfare than impregnable fortifications and coast defenses. Since Feb. 19, the week of the Maine disaster, the New York banks have reduced their loan accounts by $50,000,000, and at the same time they have increased their specie holdings by $25,000,000. The contraction in the loan item represents to a considerable extent liquidation at the Stock Exchanges and the sale of sterling exchange collateral, but back of it all there has been the strong tendency to fortify against the uncertainties of the future. What is true of New York banks in generality is true of banks throughout the country. Their policy for six weeks has been to prepare for a strain, and it would seem that they are well provided for all contingencies.

War Taxes and Loans Easy.

"But, notwithstanding the strong financial position of the Government and of the moneyed institutions of the country, there would, in any sort of conflict, soon be a necessity for additional revenues. This has given grave concern to those charged with the administration of the finances of the Government. Unquestionably, if war should come, our first victory should be the placing of the National Treasury upon a war basis. Expedition in this direction is of the utmost importance. We have recently noted the experience of a little delay in passing a tariff bill, which resulted in abnormally heavy importations to such an extent that not until a month ago did the new tariff begin to give promise of a sufficient revenue to support the Government. Since, however, a resort to increased taxation is, when accompanied by the utmost expedition, rather a slow process, there should be some means existent whereby the Government could raise funds more speedily. A temporary loan of say $100,000,000, to be made in the form of Treasury notes, limited to a time not longer than one year, to bear interest at the market rate, might be of great advantage to the Government in an emergency. Such authority is asked for by the President when Congress convened. The Treasury has ample facilities and agencies for financing such a loan.

"It is believed by the best authorities that a long-time loan could be negotiated among our own people for an amount as large as $500,000,000—5-20 bonds, say at 3 per cent. In the present state of finance such bonds could be negotiated among our own people at par. Loans of this kind, to take the place of the necessarily slower means of raising money by taxation, might be followed by some important increases in the internal revenue schedules, as well as some additions to the items of the customs tariff.

Comparison with Civil War Times.

"We have been looking into the operation of the internal revenue act in force in 1866. It produced during that fiscal year revenue to the amount of $310,000,000. Of course it is not probable at all that there would be a return to the heavy taxation of those times. We would not have to make the effort now to raise $310,000,000 a year that was made in 1866. We have doubled in population since then, and more than doubled in wealth. The internal revenue schedules in force at this time subject to taxation distilled spirits, fermented liquors, tobacco and snuff, oleomargarine, filled cheese, opium, and playing cards. These items the last fiscal year produced $147,000,000 in revenues. An addition of $1 a barrel to the tax on beer would add $35,000,000 a year to the public revenues. A slight increase in the tax on tobacco and a return to the system of special taxes and licenses in vogue a few years ago would contribute much to the revenues without greatly adding to the burdens of any one.

"A stamp tax on bank checks and drafts, mortgages, deeds, receipts, &c., would not be greatly felt. The internal revenue receipts amounting to $310,000,000 in 1866 included $78,000,000 in round figures from incomes. The balance was made up by taxes on articles and occupations, which included almost innumerable items. But without the necessity of resorting to a great majority of these, it is probable that the Government revenues, in addition to the aid from internal revenue sources, might be sufficiently augmented by small taxes on tea, coffee, and spices. These items might easily be made to raise $35,000,000 per annum.

Beer the Most Available Tax.

"The most available tax for immediately increasing the revenue, however, would be a tax on beer. The Government machine in this line is so well organized that if an additional tax of $1 a barrel on beer were to be authorized this afternoon, to-morrow morning the Government would begin to be in receipt of the additional tax. It would mean simply the placing of two stamps on the barrels, where one is now placed.

"I mention these things in no wise officially, and without the intention of conveying the idea that any one of them or all of them will be resorted to, but merely to show that the engineers of this big steam plant, the Treasury Department, have been measuring the capacity of its engines for future effort. Its bearings are lubricated, and when the strain comes you may be sure it will be found to work without hot boxes."

With respect to prospective legislation increasing the tax on beer and other articles, it is said that fortunately legislation can be so framed that brewing interests will not be able to anticipate an increase in tax by heavy purchases of stamps prior to the actual production of the beer. The trouble of the department about the time of the passage of the Dingley tariff, which repealed the provisions of the old law providing for a rebate of 7½ per cent. on stamp purchases, will not be repeated, but advantage, it is said, can easily be taken from that expense to frame legislation so that the additional tax will accrue on beer to be stamped on and after the day any act might go into effect.

"In anticipation of this increased tax brewers in different parts of the country have already made application for large supplies of beer stamps, but in all cases these requests have been refused, and the department will see that any legislation is so framed as to meet attempts to evade the increased tax."

TWENTY-EIGHT MEN AT CHESS.

A team chess match with teams of fourteen each between the Brooklyn Chess Club and the Cosmopolitan Chess Club was played last evening at the rooms of the Cosmopolitan Chess Club at 1½ Second Avenue. There was a fairly good attendance. The Brooklyn Chess Club team consisted of Messrs. Richardson, Napier, Helmes, Marshall, De Visser, Ruth, Swafield, Morphy, Fere, Elwell, Dr. Taber, Breckenridge, Chinnock, and Chadwick. These were pitted against the following players of the Cosmopolitan Chess Club: Koehler, Hanham, Roething, Fenn, Nugent, Kneff, Terker, Taubenhaus, Newman, Fischman, Winter, Schoenbaum, and Tannenwood.

The games were not all completed by midnight. The unfinished games are to be adjudicated by Champion Pillsbury. Some of the games were quite interesting, especially one played by Kneff and Ruth, a Petroff defense. Kneff played white, and by a brilliant combination forced his opponent to resign after thirty-three moves. Another fine game was a Giuaco piano, played by Chadwick against Tannenwood, who compelled Mr. Chadwick to capitulate after careful, conservative play. Major Hanham defeated Mr. Napier, who, although quite young, is considered to be a crack player of Brooklyn. Mr. Newman drew with Mr. Elwell, and Mr. Winter lost to Mr. Breckenridge.

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A TWO-SIDED RESPONSIBILITY.

The decision between peace or war is the gravest responsibility of rulers.

The pictures of the horrors of war drawn for us by the blessed peacemakers are all true. The waste, the wounds, the unburied dead, the sickening work of the surgeon, the lifelong sorrow of loved ones, and the horrible backwardness and brutality of this savage way of settling disputes among civilized States who boast that their municipal law provides a remedy for every private wrong—these are the common and inevitable incidents of war. It is a costly remedy.

But peace may come too high. PATRICK HENRY thought it too dear if purchased at the price of chains and slavery. "Our petitions have been slighted," he said; "our remonstrances have produced additional violence and insult, our supplications have been disregarded, and we have been spurned with contempt from the foot of the throne."

"We cannot suppose," said SAMUEL ADAMS, "that our opposition has made a corrupt and dissipated nation more friendly to America, or created in them a greater respect for the rights of mankind. We can therefore expect a restoration and establishment of our privileges and compensation for the injuries we have received from their want of power, from their fears, and not from their virtues. The unanimity and valor which will effect an honorable peace can render a future contest for our liberties unnecessary. He who has strength to chain down the wolf is a madman if he lets him loose without drawing his teeth and paring his nails."

Although we dread war, let us not be blind to the worthlessness of peace established upon a crumbling foundation. We know the ways of this wolf. Loose her on terms dictated by her own cunning and she returns to raven us again when we think we are most secure. Leave her vested with her ancient easement of the sheepfold, and soon the noise of the mangled and terrified flock will startle us once more in the nighttime. Even though with uplifted paw she solemnly forswears mutton, it will be most imprudent to allow her even to prowl in the neighborhood.

We know that to declare war is a frightful responsibility. We know that this last awful argument should not be resorted to until every peaceful argument has been tried. But do honor and a peace-loving disposition bind us to waste the Summer in trying every quack's nostrum that is offered, in discussing propositions that start from false assumptions and lead us nowhere?

While we painfully spell out cipher dispatches about skirmishes more miles are planned in Havana Harbor. We are asked to consider the plots of the Carlist and a powerful fleet assembles at Cadiz. They beseech us to give the autonomist Government time to arrange an honorable peace with the rebels, and a squadron equal in fighting power to our combined naval forces at Key West and Hampton Roads moves across the Atlantic.

If we close the negotiations when every jealous proposition has been exhausted and strike with all our might, the affair is soon over with no great loss on either side. Parley with them over terms that it is an affront to propose and a degradation to consider until they are quite ready, and we come upon them in their strength. We sink their battleships and cruisers and lose our own, the months and the millions go, yellow fever comes upon the field, thousands perish where tens would have been taken, and waste and harm are entailed that make a long recuperation.

The responsibility for the unnecessary loss of two or three warships and a thousand brave men is not to be lightly dismissed either from the mind or from the conscience.

WHY WE FAVOR INTERVENTION.

The letter from Mr. GEORGE FOSTER PEABODY which we print this morning may be accepted, we think, as a fair expression of the views of those who deny that we have any just occasion for a war with Spain or for meddling in the affairs of her Cuban colony. Its representative character entitles it to candid consideration. It is written, moreover, as a formal protest against the present position of THE TIMES. For that reason we must examine Mr. PEABODY'S letter and justify ourselves against his criticisms. The facts, the principles, and the arguments by which THE TIMES supports its positions are at the command of its readers for daily restatement and review. If in so grave a matter as the issue between peace and war its positions had not the basis of justice and principle and firm conviction it would discontinue its editorial page and make no comment on public affairs nor any attempt to influence public opinion.

Mr. PEABODY errs at the outset in asserting that "the principal ground urged for the intervention of this country in the affairs of Cuba and Spain is that of humanity." That may be the sole ground urged by others; it is not the sole or the chief ground urged by THE TIMES. Humanity is not a lawful ground of intervention. In Sir WILLIAM HARCOURT'S familiar dictum, interference on that ground alone is an act "above and beyond the domain of law." THE TIMES justifies intervention in Cuba on the strictly legal ground of necessity as a measure of self-protection. Spain maintains in Cuba not an orderly government, but a hell upon earth, an "open sore," as Prof. WOOLSEY calls it. The horror of it and its nearness to us disturb our tranquillity and menace our domestic peace. The attention of our people, of our lawmakers, and of our high public officers is diverted from home interests to this distressing phase of foreign affairs. The passions of pity and of anger stir the public bosom. Our Government is compelled at great expense to maintain a coast patrol to prevent the natural sympathy of our citizens with the struggling Cubans from finding expression through acts in violation of neutrality; and in addition to the cost of its measures of vigilance the Government incurs the risk of immense damages through claims based upon its failure to prevent the issue of armed expeditions.

In the judgment of THE TIMES, sustained by historical precedents and the principles laid down by all the leading writers on international law, both of which it has liberally and conscientiously presented in support of its position, this state of affairs constitutes that "grave, manifest, and imminent danger" which is held to be a lawful ground of intervention in the affairs of another State, and has repeatedly been made the basis of such intervention.

But humanity is also a justifying ground for intervention. We have uniformly made it a second and subordinate ground, because, while self-defense is an imperative necessity, as to which all men should be agreed, the sentiment of pity, being felt in different degrees by different men, is a much more disputable reason for so serious a step. In his message of last December President MCKINLEY said that the further action the United States might be compelled to take in Cuba would "be faced without misgiving or hesitancy in the light of the obligation this Government owes to itself, to the people who have intrusted to it the protection of their interests and their honor, and to humanity." Does anybody suppose that order of words was dictated by caprice, by cadence, by accident, or by anything else than an instructed and deliberate intention to put the stronger reason first?

The obligations of humanity do not require us to "include under its broad banner the Europeans and Asiatics," as well as the Cubans. That is the obligation of near-by nations. It may be a cynical use of mathematical language to say that the intensity of pity is inversely as the distance of the object which excites it, but it has the merit of being true. At any rate, pity for the near-by and starving Cubans is, while pity for the remote and massacred Armenians is not, a force to move this nation to forcible intervention. The lynchings in Ohio and South Carolina are not a case at all in point. They are sporadic, occasional, isolated, individual crimes, occurring as murder and arson occur in highly civilized and virtuous communities in Massachusetts; while the Cubans are afflicted with an epidemic, permanent, universal, confluent, and organized hell upon earth.

What is the "true mission" of this Republic, Mr. PEABODY? And what gains to humanity may we not ever against your broad general proposition that war means suffering and death, and that "the affections" should have "first consideration" whenever the subject of war comes up for discussion at the council table of Governments?

Have civilization and Christianity won their way solely through the affections? There must have been loving women among those who saw JOHN SOBIESKI'S twenty thousand Poles set out for the defense of Vienna. If he had been melted by their tears and persuaded by their supplications, Vienna would have fallen into the hands of the Turk, the unspeakable, infidel Turk. The stamp tax was really a little thing—only one shilling a quire on foolscap indenture blanks, and but ninepence on what we call commercial note paper. Even FRANKLIN thought that "frugality and industry will do a great deal toward indemnifying us." As for taxation without representation, that could be remedied, FRANKLIN argued, by sending representatives to Westminster for the American Colonies. Those were the makeshifts that the autonomists of that day proposed, and peace-loving Poor Richard fell in with them—for a time. His signature to the Declaration shows what he thought about it later. But if the affections must always have first consideration his earlier views were right, and he ought not to have gone over to the rebel party. Was independence dearly bought by the suffering at Valley Forge? Then ought not the "wayward-sisters-depart-in-peace" policy to have been adopted by LINCOLN? To be one nation, not two, cost us a greater price than any other nation has ever paid for its salvation. If Mr. PEABODY doubts whether we erred in not giving "first consideration" to the affections of those who gave up their loved ones, let him ask the question in that part of the country where the burden of sorrow and desolation fell heaviest. We make no argument in behalf of war. We abhor it. But we submit that if it were not the general opinion of mankind in all ages that there are calamities worse than war this world would now be very little under the sway of humane and Christian principles. The spirit that has prepared the way for the advancement of mankind is the spirit of GEORGE WASHINGTON, ANDREAS HOFER, LOUIS KOSSUTH, TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE, BOLIVAR, and MACEO.

Mr. PEABODY'S suggestion of a plebiscite in the island of Cuba "under the supervision of neutral officials to be, by agreement, designated by various nations," is open to the rather serious objection that it calls for a complete abandonment of the policy we have pursued in regard to Cuba for seventy-five years. Spain has held that island under our guarantee of possession. We have repeatedly assured her and the world that no other European nation should be permitted to take Cuba from her or to interfere in its affairs. Our diplomatic correspondence shows that we have refused to allow England and France to participate in a discussion of Cuban relations to ourselves.

Again, Mr. PEABODY says the proposition to recognise the insurgents is made "without any consideration for the views of the other and probably more numerous as well as more influential residents of the Island of Cuba." If they are the majority, why, with the help of 200,000 Spanish soldiers, have they failed to crush the insurgents utterly? Certainly Mr. PEABODY has no reason to doubt "the capacity" of the insurgent forces. They must be veritable kings among men. Is it likely that these doughty warriors would long leave in peace and stability the Government set up by Mr. PEABODY'S plebiscitum? For ourselves we have no fear about the "crippled child." Men who can fight with the bravery and determination of these insurgents can govern themselves.

It is not true that we propose to force upon the Cubans a Government not of their selection. Our proposition is that they shall select it free of Spanish control. If then they vote for an empire it is none of our concern, nor should we interfere with their freedom of choice. It is because we believe that no permanent peace is possible until the Cubans are thus free to choose and maintain their own Government that we have from the beginning insisted that the time has come for Spain to quit this hemisphere.

LET IT WAIT.

The Governor will give a hearing today on two bills which are closely connected. One is the so-called Page bill, to make room on the bench for former Police Justices who are now shut out by the requirement that appointees shall be members of the bar. It is a bad bill, and the fruit of a deal which the Governor should not aid.

The second bill is the Eldridge bill, which, with others, amends the general law as to street railroads. The passage of this was largely aided by a combination on the Page bill. There are many objections to it. The most obvious, which ought to be conclusive, is that it is impossible to tell exactly what effect it will have. That it will give vitality to perpetual franchises in cases where the charter meant to limit them to twenty-five years, including those of the "Huckleberry" Road in Manhattan and the Bronx and certain others in Brooklyn, is asserted. That it will give valuable privileges to the Third Avenue and Metropolitan Roads is clear. What compensation the public will get or how its rights are guarded, if at all, is not clear.

The bill was passed in such form that members of the Legislature not in the secret knew not and could not know what amendments to the present law it made, or what their effect would be. Even if Gov. BLACK knows—which is not likely—the bill should be left for full consideration and examination. It would be a great pity if the Governor should commit himself to it and this investigation should show that it was a fraud on the public. That is a risk he ought not to take.

THE RECONCENTRADOS.

It was the condition of the reconcentrados that brought on the latest crisis in Cuban affairs. The crisis has still been rendered much more acute by the destruction of the Maine. But undoubtedly the two chief factors in the production of the present temper of the American people are the official report which dealt with the destruction of the Maine and what was virtually the official report of Senator PROCTOR upon the condition of the reconcentrados. Upon this subject there are many other reports, formally as well as virtually official, from our Consuls in Cuba, in the possession of the President. He has not yet transmitted them to Congress for two reasons almost equally obvious. One is that as soon as they are published the lives of their authors would no longer be safe in Cuba. The other is that the disclosures they make are such that as soon as they are published there will be no holding the American people, and the reports are withheld as inflammatory matter.

But meanwhile the point is raised that the reconcentrados would be worse off in case of war than they are now. This point is raised by persons whose position is entitled to every respect, and also by persons whose position is entitled to no respect. It is raised by those who are deeply impressed, as indeed every sane adult must be, by a sense of the horrors of war and who still believe that we can gain without war what we should propose to ourselves to gain by war. It is raised also by those whose position is mere opposition, and who are always moved to "take the other side."

It is the latter class that is entitled to no respect, while the former is entitled to every respect. For these it is worth while to explain that in the event of war the opening of some Cuban port or ports through which our supplies would reach the insurgents, and therefore the reconcentrados, would be a question not of weeks, and scarcely of days. The Spanish Navy's patrol of the coast of Cuba has been entirely ineffectual even against the Cubans. One of the Spanish grievances against us is that we have not entirely succeeded in stopping all points of our coast to prevent the escape of "filibustering expeditions," although it is notorious that all that has been effectively done in this direction has been done by us. As soon as a tug escaped our patrol her voyage was as good as successfully ended, for the Spanish patrol could not prevent her from reaching her destination. Does anybody imagine that what the Spanish Navy could not do against the opposition of the insurgents it can do against the opposition of the insurgents aided by the United States Navy? Without doubt we could at once take possession of Cuban ports and send supplies to Cuban non-combatants with even less resistance than we have hitherto encountered. The Spanish officials have not had the face directly to resist our efforts to ameliorate the condition of these wretched people. They have even been shamed by us into pretending to appropriate Spanish money for their relief. But in indirect ways, such as complaining that smuggling was covered under the mantle of American charity, they have obstructed our efforts to administer relief. For each reconcentrado who might suffer from a declaration of war it seems safe to say that there are five who would be rescued from suffering by an open declaration of war which should put an end to the state of things of which Senator PROCTOR has said: "It is not peace, nor is it war. It is desolation and distress, misery and starvation."

THE QUESTION OF BLOCKADE.

In case of war between Spain and the United States, there is no likelihood that the fanciful dream of some Spanish diplomatists that the ports of this country can be blockaded will come true. There would, indeed, be little advantage to Spain if it could be realized. She could not interfere with our food supply or with our military supplies, and the injury she could inflict on trade would fall very heavily on neutral Governments which would insist upon the strictest conformity to the requirements of international law. This is that ingress and egress for the blockaded port shall be made obviously and continuously dangerous. For such a purpose Spain has no sufficient navy and no base of supplies near enough to enable her to use one in blockading a single port.

On the other hand, an early step on the part of the United States would be closing the ports of Havana and Matanzas, if no others. This would essentially be a prelude to their capture, but, independent of capture, the shutting out of food and other supplies from the districts now occupied by the only available Spanish military force, and the prevention of its reinforcement, would require a blockade. With the navy now at command this process, while not an easy one, should prove entirely feasible. It would be resisted by Spain and would probably lead to the first naval conflict. If the Spaniards should be defeated in this, and the chief ports of Cuba be closed to outside supplies, the end would come very rapidly. The operations of Spain in any case must be practically defensive; those of the United States, if war occurs, will be aggressive, and a blockade of Havana and Matanzas would not only be of the highest advantage, but would be decisive.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

—Foreign residents of Japan continue to be apprehensive about the consequences of abolishing the extra-territorial courts. One of them, writing to THE TIMES from Kobe, says that although the Japanese legal code reads extremely well, its application by the native officials to Europeans and Americans may result unpleasantly. The laws of Japan are founded on those of France and Prussia. They provide for no writ of habeas corpus, and suspected persons may be subjected under them to confinement in a manner which to the foreigner amounts to real cruelty. Release on bail, while nominally obtainable, is in many cases put entirely beyond reach, and this is true in civil as well as in criminal proceedings. Suspects, too, receive the same food, clothing, and general treatment that is given to convicts, and native scientists have demonstrated that, owing to physical differences between foreigners and the Japanese, rations on which the latter can live comfortably enough will inflict on the former both present pain and permanent injury. Prisoners are clothed, Summer and Winter, in what we would call pajamas, thin as well as simple, and no one but a Japanese can find them sufficient protection from the weather. This is an especially important point, because the shelter provided for the inmate of the Mikado's prisons is not equal to that given by an ordinary tent. In the case of real criminals little complaint is justified, but innocent persons are often accused of crime, especially where racial prejudices and misunderstandings have free play, and our correspondent thinks that the possibilities outlined by him deserve the serious attention of the United States Department of State before the new treaty with Japan goes into operation.

—Unpleasant as it is to think that there are some large and expensive guns under the Maine's submerged turrets, guns that it would be most convenient for us to have just now, there need be no added pain from the thought that they may be rescued and used by the Spaniards. Before Capt. SIGSBEE left Havana he caused the breech blocks to be carefully removed from these cannon, rendering them worthless for any purpose. To make assurance doubly sure, it is said, strong acids were forced into the big tubes before the wreckers departed.

—Dr. L. SAMBON strongly maintains in The British Medical Journal the theory that the malady known as "sunstroke" is an infectious disease due to a specific bacterial organism. His strongest argument is the fact that sunstroke, instead of being prevalent in all countries where the temperature is high, as would be the case if it were the result of heat, has very definite geographical limits, and these limits have no connection with isothermal lines. It is common in some districts where the sun has comparatively little power, and, on the other hand, is unknown in some where the climate is excessively tropical. Thus it is prevalent in the low-lying plains of the Indus and the Ganges, where, owing to the moisture in the air, the temperature in the sun is lower than in the highlands of Assam, or the Peninsular plateau, from both of which the disease is absent. Similarly it is rife in the Mississippi Valley, and is unknown on the Colorado plains. That heat alone is not the cause is proved by the cases of miners, iron puddlers, and stokers, who work in far higher temperatures than that of the hottest known climate. Another feature of the disease is that it comes in epidemics, which may be more fatal among men sheltered in a hospital ward than among those in the same district exposed to the sunshine. It is an interesting coincidence that both rheumatism and sunstroke—diseases once attributed to the physical action of the extremes of cold and heat—are now shown to be of organic origin. Dr. SAMBON might have added to his examples by a visit to the West Indies, where true sunstroke is almost unknown, though other maladies popularly known by that name are often produced by exposure to the sun's direct rays.

PERSONAL.

—American inventors do not all know that, under the law which went into effect on Jan. 1, United States patents are no longer terminated by the expiration of prior foreign patents. Hitherto such was the case, and in order not to decrease the period of their control over the home market our inventors often neglected to protect their rights abroad, and so lost a considerable part of the possible rewards of their ingenuity. Under the present arrangement they can reap a harvest from foreign fields without danger to that closer to them.

—Returns from the town liquor agents in Vermont show that in the past year the sum of $167,156, or 87 cents for every man, woman, and child in the State, was expended there for intoxicants of one sort or another. Every drop of this was sold for "medicinal, mechanical, or chemical purposes," but it would take more than human credulity to believe that more than one drop out of twenty was used for such purposes or for any other than the quenching of what it is customary to call thirst. How much the Vermonters spent for liquors besides the sum mentioned nobody knows, but as they have no more difficulty in making purchases of illicit dealers than do the residents of other Prohibition States, and as they are not less inclined thereto, the total amount devoted to "rum" was certainly two or three times that which went into the town agencies. Still, Vermont seems to be content with her present system, and will not hear of license or local option. It is her own business, of course, but an expression of mild wonder is justified by the retention of a plan which not only fails, and confessedly, to accomplish its avowed end, but also trains a large portion of the population in petty lawbreaking and sneaking mendacity.

WHY SHOULD WE INTERFERE?

As a long-time reader of THE TIMES, and one greatly interested in its responsibility as a leader of public opinion, I must ask space formally to protest against its present position of endeavoring to justify a war upon Spain by this country. The principal ground urged for the intervention of this country in the affairs of Cuba and Spain is that of humanity. Will not a true conception of humanity lead us to include under its broad banner Europeans and Asiatics as well as Cubans, Spaniards no less, and surely our own citizens? Are not the true relations of the United States of America to humanity ignored by this one-sided plea for an effort to abolish a temporary condition of suffering and misery which is, alas, not too far removed from many others even nearer home? Doubtless the conditions in Cuba are horrible and painful and a sad reproach on the efficiency of the Government there, but are not the conditions which enabled lynching parties in Ohio and South Carolina and other States to go unpunished even more of a reflection upon our self-governing communities? The many crimes and atrocities in Turkey and other lands are strong appeals to our love of humanity, but, as I believe, very properly this Government has so far acted on the sound principle of attending to its own most serious problems and not wasting its energies on more distant ones.

The country is aroused to a supposed responsibility for the righting of wrongs in Cuba. Is it not time that there were held up to the mind and conscience of our people the true mission which for a century and more this Republic has measurably accomplished, and of which it will make sad wreck if it now undertakes to shed the innocent blood of its own citizens to endeavor to right another's hideous wrong? I believe it would be a grievous wrong to its highest mission.

The plain peoples of the world have during the life of this Republic come to look upon her as the true leader in the cause of humanity. Why? Mainly because of her unexampled career of progress, and because of the possibilities for material prosperity and advancement which her avoidance of war complications made so manifest. Millions of the working masses have looked and should still look, as this country for the accomplishment of the universal hope in humanity's advance. Has not one of the most notable movements of recent years been the widespread activity of labor organizations throughout the world in behalf of arbitration as a substitute for war? They realize that war is always waged finally at the expense of the toiling millions, who not only pay the taxes, but who also give of their sons' and brothers' blood, which they rightly think too sacred to shed. Can a nation's honor be more sacred than that of the individual who once fought duels to maintain it? And we have abandoned the practice. Is it not a disastrous thing to have the struggle for freedom from military despotism espoused by this country with a prompt threat of war, and not one suggestion made of enlisting the moral sentiment of the world by a proposal to have a peaceful adjustment of the issues involved made by submission to disinterested parties?

We boast that a people should be allowed of their own free will to decide by a majority vote as to the form of government they prefer, and yet instead of proposing that a plebiscite be had in Cuba under the supervision of neutral officials to be by agreement designated by various nations it is proposed that the insurgent portion of the population be recognised, without any consideration for the views of the other and probably more numerous as well as more influential residents of the Island of Cuba. Surely some voice should be lifted now to protest against such a course as contrary to every sound principle of government.

It is urged that the conduct of the war on the part of Spain is brutal; but all war is brutal, necessarily so, and one of the important elements in all successful war is the forced suffering of noncombatants. What do sieges and blockades mean but the enforced suffering, even to death, of noncombatants as well as the fighting forces? Is it not proposed that the United States shall promptly blockade Cuba in case of war? Will not the suffering caused be in essence the same as that of the reconcentrados? And, again, are not our own people to be considered? Will not our soldiers and sailors suffer and die, and their relations and friends? Is only physical suffering to be considered? Is it not in fact an essential element of the higher civilization we boast of that the mental, psychic and spiritual suffering of mankind is of even more moment than the physical? Are not, most properly, the affections given first consideration? What hearts will be wrung, yes, have already been in anticipation even, by mothers and sisters who have experienced some of war's horrors!

A reference to the experience and practice of the Northern army in connection with the guerrilla warfare during the civil war will suggest very close approximation to conditions now existing in Cuba. Ask testimony of those who lived along the path of desolation left in Sherman's march to the sea, which it may be well to remember.

Again, if the United States shall become responsible for driving the present Spanish Government out of Cuba on the ground that it has failed to make peace throughout the length and breadth of the island, will we not become morally responsible to the world for the peace and prosperity of Cuba? And may this not involve us in a bitter, struggling war corresponding possibly with our Indian wars, which have been long continued, with the added horrors of the diseases of torrid climates?

Is there not much reason to fear that many of the insurgents are at heart opposed to all law and order and against the protection of property? Shall we not be obliged before the world to protect the property of citizens of Cuba who may doubt, as I am told many do, the capacity and intentions of the insurgent forces. Is this not an appalling possibility? We should not commit ourselves to the bringing forth of a crippled child such as the present Cuban Republic would surely be if recognised in its present feeble stage.

The really humane method for accomplishing Cuban self-government is by a properly authorized plebiscite and a thoroughly debated constitution and form of government, to be deliberately established thereafter. It may in the present condition of affairs be very properly our high privilege to use our ablest diplomatic power and all of our moral force to negotiate such a result, free from bias by reason of the international supervision which ought to be in due time obtained for it. Let Congress delegate to the President the full responsibility and ample time to complete such negotiations, and at once evidence our faith in the power of peaceful methods and moral force by desisting from our preparations for war.

GEORGE FOSTER PEABODY.
New York, April 4, 1898.

KEEP COOL.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

It seems to me that some of our friends are becoming unnecessarily excited over our difficulties with Spain. It is rather late to ask whether our Government ought to intervene in the Cuban revolution. It did intervene under Mr. Cleveland. This intervention has been followed up by Mr. McKinley. Important concessions have already been obtained, and it is quite possible that diplomacy, which is apparently supported by the good offices of foreign nations, may obtain for the Cubans substantial independence without the necessity of a resort to arms. But if a war should come, what have we to fear from it? Why should anybody sell his property below its fair value or hesitate to embark in a business enterprise because of the possibility, or even probability, of a war with Spain?

It is absurd to suppose that the Spaniards could send an army to invade our coasts. Our principal harbors are already well defended in case of an attack from the Spanish fleet. But even if they were not, our own fleet is far stronger than any the Spaniards could bring into the war, and its business would be, upon the beginning of the war, to attack the Spanish fleet and capture or destroy it. That it is well able to do this there can be no question. Even at the time when the Spanish infantry was the best in Europe, their "invincible Armada" was defeated by a far inferior English force. At Trafalgar the combined French and Spanish fleets were defeated and destroyed by an inferior English fleet. Spaniards have never been successful in any naval fights with men of our race, and there is no reason to suppose that history is going to change in this particular at the present time.

The fact that the modern warship is more complicated than the old need not frighten us. The more complicated a piece of machinery, the more skill it requires to manage it, and this skill is certainly possessed in a far greater degree by the American naval officers than by those of Spain. Moreover, the knowledge that we actually have of the inefficiency and corruption of the Spanish administration leaves no doubt in the mind of any reasonable person that the Spanish ships are insufficiently equipped and supplied, not to speak of the insuperable obstacle to any important naval operations on the part of Spain which exists in the want of coal in their West India Islands. In short, if we should unfortunately engage in a war with Spain, our obvious course would be to attack their fleet, blockade the Cuban ports, and supply the insurgents with arms and ammunition. The Spanish forces have been entirely unable to subdue the insurgents, even when they were short of both these essential munitions. With supplies from this country, and with the assistance afforded by our fleet, can there be the slightest doubt in any reasonable mind that the insurgents would make a speedy end of the war in Cuba and that their flag would be hoisted within sixty days in the principal cities of the island?

The argument is sometimes brought forward that our export trade would be endangered by a war. No doubt our coasting trade would suffer. But our railroad system is such that this would be no general injury to the country. As to our foreign trade, it is now almost entirely conducted in foreign bottoms. Since the declaration of the Congress of Paris that "the neutral flag covers enemies' goods, with the exception of contraband of war," we need have no serious apprehension that American property found on any of the German or French or English steamers would be seized by Spanish cruisers, if any of them had the hardihood to put to sea.

Does any reasonable man suppose for a moment that the Emperor of Germany or the Queen of England or the Republic of France would allow their steamers to be stopped and searched by Spanish cruisers? Would Spain dream of encountering the hostility of these powerful neighbors by undertaking such an enterprise? If any exporter, however, should have the slightest fear upon this point, it would be easy for him to sell his property here to a neutral and avoid even the infinitesimal risk of capture and seizure on the high seas. But the truth is that the whole Spanish Government has been so demoralised and weakened that it is as certain as any future event can be, which we judge of from the course of past history, that their fleet would play no more important part in a war than the Greek fleet did in the late Turkish war, and that the termination of hostilities would be as speedy and as decisive as it was in the case referred to.

Let us, then, go quietly about our business and leave the completion of this affair to the very competent hands who are now engaged upon it. No one is obliged to enlist in either army or navy. From present appearances there will be no lack of volunteers. Our honor and our pockets are both reasonably secure. Keep cool.

RIVERSIDE P. WHITE, JR.
New York, April 4, 1898.

REAR ADMIRAL BEARDSLEE RELIEVED.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

I notice, on the fourth page of your issue of the 30th ult., an article dated Washington, 30th ult., which in several respects does me injustice, though I know, of course, that this resulted from want of exact knowledge of the facts on the part of your correspondent.

The article in question deals with my sickness and final relief from the command of the North Atlantic station, and I beg that you will do me the favor to correct as follows:

I did not inform the Navy Department that I could command as long as the squadron was in port, but could not command at sea.

I did not order the final board of medical survey on myself, nor did I order myself to appear before it, nor did I have anything to do with fixing the length of sick leave in my case. All these matters were determined by the Navy Department, which originated all the orders and took all the action in the case. However, as soon as the order for my relief from the command was received, I both telegraphed and wrote to the Navy Department, saying that I felt considerably improved in health and was willing to serve at Key West or elsewhere during the existing tension, and for that purpose would waive any sick leave.

Finally, I would not make money by not going on the retired list; on the contrary, I would lose money.

I have served many years in the navy, and I believe with credit, and during that time have been unemployed as little as any officer on the upper lists; neither have I ever applied for a leave of absence of more than a month.

You must understand that I do not mean to imply any blame to the Navy Department for relieving me, and had I been in the position of the Secretary I should have thought it necessary to proceed as he did, for, as you truly say, there should be no doubt as to the perfect health of the person holding the chief active command.

MONTGOMERY SICARD,
Rear Admiral, U. S. N.
St. Augustine, Fla., April 1, 1898.

"IT IS THE MAINE."

To the Editor of The New York Times:

War was begun on the part of Spain, as THE TIMES has unanswerably demonstrated from the evidence before the court of inquiry, when the Maine and her 300 men were treacherously blown to atoms in the port of Havana with explosives necessarily Spanish and under the control of Spanish officials. War on our part should have instantly followed the report of the court, and before this time Cuba would have been cleaned of Spanish forces without an engagement of serious character on land or sea. Instead of this, the President's enormous optimism has dragged us along to a terrific and bloody war, on the debatable ground of a right to intervene for the independence of Cuba—a matter of opinion and political casuistry in which half the world, with many of our own best citizens, certainly disagree with us.

I pray Congress, in Heaven's name, to brush aside that stupendous blunder by declaring the existence of war by the act of Spain, as a fact leaving no room for disputation.

VIDI.

NUGGETS.

Indication.

"Is it true that Bigley has met with business reverses?"

"Couldn't say, but his wife is riding a last year's wheel."—Detroit Journal.

Good Nature Imposed Upon.

"When er man gits de reputation o' bein' able to exu'cise patience," said Uncle Ebin, "folks gin'rally don' let 'im run much resk of is gettin' outer practice."—Washington Star.

No Opportunity.

When people get old enough to realise that their singing and piano playing are a bore to society, they are no longer invited out to display their good resolution to quit.—Atchison Globe.

Antiquated Simile.

"They hissed a lecturer at the wheelman's convention."

"Was he prosy?"

"No; but he said civilisation was making strides."—Chicago Record.

Honesty.

Watts—This is the most honest town, I think, on the continent. The conductor missed me this morning, and everybody in the car looked as if they were angry because I did not pay.

Potts—They were not angry because you hadn't paid, but because they had.—Indianapolis Journal.

THE NEW HUMANITY.

An Answer to "Humanity vs. Humanity."

What is this new Humanity that scorns to draw the sword?
Is Peace a miser's treasure that the wise must hug and hoard?
Let the Devil take an island in one corner of the world
Rather than two Christian nations into horrid war be hurl'd!

Is the end of all existence passing pleasure for the most?
Was that the starry Peace-song of Judea's angel host?
Or was it not that Right must work its own consummate peace,
And not until the right has won shall strife and warfare cease?

Is the common good of all attained while one is left in chains?
Will the day of God be hastened on by sparing blood and pains?
Is quietness an outward or an inward "status quo"?
Is Intervention sinful to relieve another's woe?

Let the Sultan flay a nation and the Spaniard blister backs!
Once a passing generation bled for poor, untutored blacks;
It was very silly of them, and they'd all admit it now,
With the springy turf above them and the earth-clods on the brow.

Hail to the new Humanity that doesn't lose its head!
Were you not a Don Quixote, you'd know Chivalry was dead!
What is must be, and what is not the fates will ne'er allow.
These sentiments for gentlemen I trow are good enow.

ARTHUR EDWARD HYDE.

MERELY A SUGGESTION.

In days like these, in troubled times, the duty of each man
Is surely to endeavor to conceive some settled plan
By which the men who rule us may be guided safe and sound
Through all besetting pitfalls to the sure and solid ground.

And hence I say if war must be, in spite of diplomats,
If we must all degenerate into Kilkenny cats,
Why let us seize the gauntlet with a measure not quite vain,
Which cannot but commend itself to any one that's sane.

When proud Castillians say to us, "There's got to be a fight"—
It may not last above ten days, perhaps not overnight—
Then let us say to proud Castile, "Why, certainly, dear friends,
We're glad to do just what we can to serve your cherished ends.

"Suppose we loose the dogs of war—or, if you wish it, cats—
In spite of all the wisdom of our clever diplomats,
But let us loose the most canine* of all the dogs we know,
And let these snarling beasts go fight, if they will have it so.

"Let storied Spain impress the men who urge her daily on
Despite the wisdom of the State, despite the noble Don,
And on our side we'll do the same, with joy, I must confess,
And send to slaughter every cur upon the yellow press."

By this the war might settled be; and none would feel regret
If so they fought at all and each one paid up Nature's debt
And probably there'd be no blood, for it is ten to one
That when it came to fighting every yellow dog would run!

JOHN KENDRICK BANGS.

*With the writer's apologies to his dog.

ENGLAND'S GAINS IN CHINA

Mr. Balfour Explains to the Commons the Concessions She Has Received in the East.

TREATY PORTS TO BE OPENED

German Interests Identical with Great Britain's—Wei-Hai-Wei as an Offset to Port Arthur—Vernon-Harcourt Replies.

LONDON, April 5.—The House of Commons was crowded to-day with people anxious to hear the statement of Mr. Arthur J. Balfour, the Government leader and Acting Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, on the subject of the situation in the Far East. The galleries were filled, and in the Distinguished Strangers' Gallery were many diplomats, including the United States Ambassador, Col. John Hay.

Mr. Balfour, who was loudly cheered on rising, enumerated the concessions obtained by Great Britain—namely, that the region of the Yang-Tse-Kiang should not be alienated by any foreign power, that the successor of Sir Robert Hart as Director of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs is to be an Englishman, and that access to the inland waters is to be had by ships of all nations. A fourth concession, Mr. Balfour continued, only occurred a day or two ago—namely, the opening of three new treaty ports, Funing, Yochau, and Chin-Wang.

This, according to Mr. Balfour, was a considerable harvest for two months' negotiations.

Relative to the German acquisitions of railroads, Mr. Balfour said that, wherever they were constructed, they must be a benefit to British commerce. He preferred railroads and differential duties to no railroads and no duties.

Later Mr. Balfour said he believed neither Germany nor Russia had any intention of depriving Great Britain of any of her treaty rights in China. Germany, he further informed the House, had given assurances that the country acquired by her will be open to the commerce of the whole world. The interests of Germany and Great Britain in China, he explained, were identical, and the speaker believed the two countries would be able to work hand in hand.

Change in Russia's Assurances.

Russia, Mr. Balfour then said, had also given assurances; but he was bound to admit that the form of those assurances had changed. Still, assurances had been given that no British treaty rights had been abrogated by the recent acquisitions.

Touching upon Wei-Hai-Wei, Mr. Balfour said that, Russia having secured Port Arthur on the maritime approach to Pekin, Great Britain had secured Wei-Hai-Wei to balance matters.

The speaker explained that had Russia confined herself to obtaining an ice-free commercial port as a terminus for her railroad, no complaint would have been made. But, unfortunately, Russia determined to obtain control of Port Arthur, which was not and could not be made a commercial port. As soon as Great Britain heard of the negotiations she laid her views clearly before Russia and expressed her sense of the evil they were bringing upon China.

Mr. Balfour also said the Government thought Russia had pursued an unfortunate course in taking Port Arthur, which, as Russia herself said in 1895, when Japan proposed to occupy it, would, in the hands of any foreign power, constitute a menace to the capital of China.

The Lease of Wei-Hai-Wei.

Continuing, Mr. Balfour said:

"We offered if they would abstain from taking Port Arthur to ourselves give a corresponding pledge to take no port on the Gulf of Pe-chi-li. But our offer was not accepted, so on March 29 we informed Russia that we should hold ourselves free to take the necessary steps to safeguard our interests, and Great Britain has since obtained a lease of Wei-Hai-Wei on the same terms as those by which Russia secured Port Arthur.

"Wei-Hai-Wei is the only port on the Gulf of Pe-chi-li which might balance the possession of Port Arthur. While Port Arthur is stronger, its accommodation at Wei-Hai-Wei is inestimably greater, and by taking Wei-Hai-Wei under our protection we prevent the Gulf of Pe-chi-li from falling under the maritime control of one power, and thus defend our interests.

"The negotiations have already borne rich fruit in the interest of our commerce and the maintenance of our prestige at Pekin."

Relative to the security of the future, Mr. Balfour said it could not be denied that the indications were that China might collapse, and, with further decay, fragments might be snapped up by various powers. But it would be a mistake to allow Great Britain's policy to be governed by remote contingencies, adding:

"We desire to maintain the integrity of China so far as possible, but it must be recollected that the future will probably have strange surprises in store."

China's Ultimate Collapse.

In conclusion Mr. Balfour remarked:

"The balance of power in the Far East may be very different when the disintegration of China has occurred. The time may come when the great powers will say that China shall not fall into the hands of any one power, and to embark upon a new difficult and costly enterprise in order to ward off a remote and doubtful danger would be political folly. Her Majesty's Government asks the country to indorse this policy with more confidence, because we know that Great Britain has the sympathy of the great commercial community throughout the world. [Cheers.]

"I believe the time may come when the great commercial occupation of part of China might be necessary, but it could not be expedient, and it was impossible to believe that the occupation would be confined to the present modest limits."

Vernon-Harcourt Replies.

Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, the Liberal leader, spoke satirically of the policy of the "open door," and asked the reason for the change of policy. He said the Treaty of Tien-tsin gave British ships the right to use any port in China, and he expressed the desire to know specifically whether that right was to be infringed.

Continuing, the Liberal leader asked for an explanation of the "remarkable change of policy upon the part of the Government" in taking a lease of Wei-Hai-Wei and "setting up a rival port, with rival interests." He added that military powers would join in an alliance to prevent China falling a prey to any exclusive influence, and "I am convinced that Great Britain, by continuing her present unselfish policy of opening to all what she secures for herself will build up in Europe and not the least in America a body of public international opinion which will be more powerful than any hasty action Great Britain might take at the present moment."

The Liberal leader concluded with calling for information regarding the intentions of Russia, Germany, and France, and as to the relations between Great Britain and Japan in view of the former's lease of Wei-Hai-Wei.

FRENCH DEMANDS CONCEDED.

China Yields, Although They Differ from the First.

PEKIN, April 5.—It is understood that China has conceded the demands of France. They differ, it is added, somewhat from the first demands.

LONDON, April 6.—The Pekin correspondent of The Times says:

"China has agreed to the French demands, comprising the non-alienation of any portion of the Provinces of Kwang-Tung, Kwang-Si, or Yun-Nan; the construction of a railway to Yun-Nan-Fu, and the lease of a coaling station, which is not named, but will probably be Kwang-Chau-Wan, together with the appointment of a Frenchman as Director of the Imperial Post.

"I understand that the British rights regarding the extension at Kau-Lung will be protected. M. Pavlof, the Russian Chargé d'Affaires, has an audience with the Tsung-li-Yamen to-day. The Russian claims that the fortification of Ta-Lien-Wan, being necessary to complete the defenses of Port Arthur, will immediately be commenced."

WAR FEELING IN JAPAN.

Parliament Calls on the Cabinet to Make a Protest.

YOKOHAMA, April 5.—At an important meeting of the members of the Upper and Lower Houses of the Japanese Parliament to-day, a resolution was adopted calling upon the Cabinet to protest against the action of Russia and Germany on the same grounds as those upon which Japan's withdrawal from the Leao-Tong Peninsula was demanded.

It was also resolved to call upon the Government to take the steps necessary to enforce the protest.

The feeling against the Cabinet's policy of inaction is growing strongly.

PRINCE HENRY'S RECEPTION.

Emperor of China Consents to Welcome Him While Standing.

PEKIN, April 5.—The reception of Prince Henry of Prussia has been arranged for in May. Li Hung Chang and Wang Wen Shao, the Governor General of the Province of Tschili, in which Pekin is situated, will meet him at Taku, and Prince Chang Ying Wang will receive him at the station near Pekin. The Emperor of China will receive Prince Henry at the Summer Palace.

An important point, which has caused frequent negotiations, is that the Emperor will receive Prince Henry standing.

Japanese and Wei-Hai-Wei.

YOKOHAMA, April 5.—Great Britain's action in regard to Wei-Hai-Wei has caused a great sensation here, and a large section of the press and public urge the Government to adopt an active policy.

DERVISHES LOSE 200 KILLED.

British Lose Six Killed and Ten Wounded in a Reconnoissance Before Abadar Camp.

ABADAR CAMP, South of the Atbara, Nubia, April 5.—A reconnoissance in force, with cavalry, artillery, and two Egyptian battalions, to the camp of Mahmoud Pasha this morning brought the enemy out in force.

The fighting lasted from 9 until 10:30 o'clock. The British loss was six killed and ten wounded. Capt. W. H. Persse of the Second Dragoon Guards was wounded slightly.

The dervishes lost about 200.

The reconnoissance is regarded as a great success, its chief feature being the admirable behavior of the Egyptian cavalry and the valuable service of the Maxims. Mahmoud's gun fire was ineffective.

Major Gen. Hunter commanded the Anglo-Egyptian forces in the engagement.

DANISH FOLKETHING ELECTION.

The Radical Left Has Sixty-three Members and Will Control.

COPENHAGEN, April 5.—The triennial elections to the Folkething, or Lower House of the Danish Parliament, have resulted in a majority for the Radical Left.

Sixty-three candidates of the Radical Left have been returned. The Moderate Left will have twenty-three members in the new Chamber, the Conservatives fifteen, and the Socialists twelve. This gives the Radical Left a clear majority of thirteen.

FREE COAL FOR BRITISH SHIPS.

Natal Colonists Offer 12,000 Tons Annually to England.

LONDON, April 5.—The Ministry of the British Colony of Natal has cabled to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, offering to supply gratis 12,000 tons of coal annually to British warships calling at Durban, and to afford them all possible facilities in other ways.

Mr. Chamberlain has replied to the message, accepting the gift and warmly thanking the colonists.

DREYFUS REPORTED DEAD.

A Rumor in Paris Unconfirmed at the Colonial Office.

PARIS, April 5.—A rumor was current here to-day that Alfred Dreyfus, the former Captain of Artillery, who was sentenced to imprisonment for life, after having been convicted by court-martial of having betrayed important military secrets to a foreign power, is dead.

He was undergoing imprisonment on Devil's Island, off the coast of French Guiana. The Colonial Office, however, has no information on the subject.

GERMAN EDITORS' SENTENCES.

LEIPSIC, April 5.—The High Court of Justice has refused the appeals for a revision of the lèse majesté sentences imposed upon Herr Trojan, editor of the Kladderadatsch, who was sentenced in January to two months' imprisonment in a fortress for cartooning Emperor William, and Dr. Hoffman, the chief editor of the Hamburger Nachrichten, sentenced on the same charge, as a result of the disclosure of state secrets which Prince Bismarck made late in 1896 in that paper, which was regarded as his personal organ.

MAD KING OTTO WORSE.

MUNICH, April 5.—The condition of the insane King Otto of Bavaria has suddenly become worse, and it is thought that he is dying.

King Otto was born April 27, 1848, and succeeded to the throne June 12, 1886. Early in life he began to display extraordinary eccentricities, which in time developed into hallucinations, and finally into violent madness. On June 14, 1886, the Government passed into the hands of the present Regent, Prince Luitpold.

ABOUT CHESTER W. KINGSLEY.

Characteristics of Boston Merchant Who Recently Gave $150,000 to Education and to Charity.

BOSTON, April 5.—Chester W. Kingsley of Cambridge, who is signalizing the closing years of his honorable career by munificent gifts to colleges and charities, having within a few months distributed $150,000 in this way, said to a company of young men to-day: "I don't smoke, because I have always felt that every cigar was burning up the price of a loaf of bread."

This remark, coupled with the statement that Mr. Kingsley began life without a cent, presents a vivid picture of the man's character. It also sheds a flood of brighter light upon his munificence of the past four weeks. He began the battle of life when ten years old, having lost his father. He started without a dollar, and his first employment was in the wilds of Michigan, where for two years he carried the mails in saddlebags slung across his horse's back. At one time he drove teams of two yoke of oxen breaking out new land for $6 a month. Once he made $2 in a little speculation in oats, and he says that when he jingled these Spanish coins in his trousers pockets he felt richer than he ever had before or has since.

After five years he returned to his native Massachusetts, and started to acquire an education. By doing odd jobs he paid his way through school, and in the high school he earned the munificent sum of $8 a year by acting as janitor. He would do anything that was honest to earn a few cents, and in this way he was graduated from the high school. Later he studied bookkeeping and penmanship.

Mr. Kingsley began to make his money and to lay the foundation for his present fortune in the banking business, but the bulk of it was made in the wholesale provision business and in the coal trade.

He is now seventy-eight years old, and he goes to his office daily, and is attending to his business duties with vigor and with the same keenness and determination which have marked his whole life. He has always been one of the most liberal givers in his chosen denomination, the Baptist, and has established scholarships in many educational and religious institutions. Those who are near to him in a business and social way say that he is contemplating even more large benefactions. They also say that $200,000 or more conservative guess for Mr. Kingsley's present fortune.

MRS. CHARLES F. ROE REGENT.

She Is Elected to Preside Over the Daughters of the Revolution of This State.

The Daughters of the Revolution of the State of New York held their annual meeting at the Tuxedo, Madison Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, yesterday and elected officers for the ensuing year. The "independent" ticket made a clean sweep, and Mrs. Charles Francis Roe, the wife of Major Gen. Roe, was elected State Regent. A committee chosen to revise and simplify the constitution was taken wholly from the independents.

The meeting, over which Mrs. Abraham Steers, the old Regent, presided, is declared by the members to have been the essence of harmony. There were no irritating speeches, and when the election came the independents peacefully went in and polled some three-fourths of the total vote.

The friction among the Daughters dates from the issue of a circular letter a few days ago, signed by Mrs. D. Phoenix Ingraham, Mrs. David C. Carr, Mrs. Charles W. Dayton, Mrs. Henry Herbert, and Mrs. William F. Coxford. This letter averred that for some time it had been apparent that the Daughters of this State had "not been progressing in interest and members, as in other States," and that some of the members had therefore selected a ticket composed of progressive officers, under whose administration the Daughters would attain "unqualified success." The ticket was sent with the letter and support asked for it.

Mrs. Edward Paulet Steers, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, yesterday spoke of this letter as an insult, to which the failure of the committee to get suitable people to run for the offices on the regular ticket might be attributed. There was no one to run against Mrs. Roe for Regent, and several other places on the regular ticket were vacant.

The other positions were settled as follows: First Vice Regent—Mrs. Frederic J. Swift; Second Vice Regent—Mrs. James Davis; Secretary—Mrs. William W. Read; Treasurer—Miss Fanny C. H. Casey; Registrar—Mrs. A. O. Ihlseng; Historian—Mrs. Dwight H. Weston; Librarian—Mrs. Henry D. Williams; Curator—Mrs. Robert Mook; Board of Managers—Mrs. Ashbel P. Fitch, Mrs. Samuel A. Maxwell, Mrs. William Moore Stillwell, Mrs. O. P. Robinson, Mrs. Charles A. Clapp, Miss Josephine Wandell, Miss Florence E. Siegel, Mrs. Thomas Smith Grimke, Mrs. George Wallis, Jr., Mrs. Bradley L. Baton, Mrs. G. Elliott Little, and Mrs. H. A. Herbert; Committee to Revise the Constitution—Mrs. L. Holbrook, Continental Chapter, Chairman; Mrs. D. Phoenix Ingraham, Knickerbocker Chapter, and Mrs. David C. Carr, Colonial Chapter.

The new Regent belongs to the Huguenot Society, the Holland Dames, and the Colonial Dames, and was Regent of the Continental Chapter.

A DAY'S WEDDINGS.

Brill—Cohn.

Miss Etta Sophia Cohn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Cohn of 40 West Ninetieth Street, and Max David Brill, a merchant, and the son of Mrs. Rachel Brill of the Kenmore, 353 West Fifty-seventh Street, were married at Delmonico's at 6 o'clock yesterday evening. The ceremony was performed in a parlor opposite the large ballroom by the Rev. Dr. Gustav Gotthell, pastor of Temple Emanu-El. The decorations and the bridesmaids' gowns were of white and green. Miss Amy Cohn, the bride's sister, attended her as maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Miss Hattie Heidelberg, Miss Etta Levy, Miss Dora Stern, Miss Stella Hess, Miss Carrie Ernstein, Miss Bessie Marks, Miss Carrie Werner, Miss Helene Rosenberg, Miss Tillie Morse, and Miss Carrie Wertheimer. Samuel Brill was best man, and Maurice Brill was chief usher. The ten other ushers were Sidney D. Brill, Jacques Cohn, Julius Cohn, Samuel Cohn, Jack Wallace, Louis Teichman, Benjamin Morse, I. Richard Rubens, Eli D. Goodman, and Lawrence Cohn. Miss Verna Frank and Miss Josie Frank were flower girls. A wedding supper for about 200 people in the large ballroom followed the ceremony. There was a dance afterward, for which Schwab's Orchestra furnished the music. Mr. and Mrs. Brill will visit Washington and other Southern points on a ten days' trip, and afterward sail for Europe, to be gone four months.

Logan—Thatcher.

CHICAGO, April 5.—Miss Florence Fowler Thatcher and Charles Park Logan will be married to-morrow. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Solomon Thatcher of River Forest. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Logan of Brooklyn, N. Y. Bishop Charles H. Fowler of Buffalo will come here to officiate.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan will go South for a wedding journey. They will be at home after May 1, at 190 Hancock Street, Brooklyn.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Miss Jennie Dutton gave a concert in the small ballroom at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

Lieut. and Mrs. Frederic Hancock, who were married in the Marble Collegiate Church on Sunday, left the Waldorf-Astoria for the South yesterday afternoon. They are to stay for some days at the Jefferson, Richmond Va.

The Women's Health Protective Association had some important business to transact at their monthly meeting scheduled for yesterday morning at the Academy of Medicine, 17 West Forty-third Street, but the bad weather prevented a quorum. They may hold a special meeting next Tuesday.

Miss Kathleen Mathew will talk on current topics to-morrow morning at the home of Mrs. Daniel P. Ingraham, the Strathmore, Broadway and Fifty-second Street.

Miss S. C. Very closed yesterday her lecture course on "The History of Music" at the home of Miss Rosalie Zimmermann, 11 East Fifty-fourth Street. The plan to perpetuate the playground at 9 Goerck Street has been the beneficiary of the course.

The National Society of New England Women held their last literary meeting of the season in the small ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday at 2 P. M. The programme included "Our American Commonwealth, the 'Heir of all Ages,'" Mrs. Edward Addison Greely; "Early American Newspapers," Mrs. O. E. Van Zile; "New England Theocracy, the Mainstay of the Nation," the Rev. Phoebe A. Hanaford; "Paul Jones, Our Firm Naval Hero," Mrs. Pierce; "Roger Sherman and the Federal Constitution," Mrs. Estelle T. Sherman; "Gibbon, the Father of Modern History," Mrs. Jasper Cairns; "Deborah Sampson, a Heroine of the Revolution," Mrs. John T. Van Sickle. Music was furnished by Mrs. M. L. Pray, vocalist; Miss Florence McFarland, pianist; Miss Anderson, flutist, and Miss Ballarde, pianist. Mrs. Edward A. Greely has been made historical recorder of the society for life.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLER HELD.

H. G. Nichols Is Wanted in Chicago on Charge of Taking $150,000 from Browning, King & Co.

Herbert G. Nichols was arrested yesterday afternoon by Capt. Albertson of the Mulberry Street Station and locked up in Police Headquarters on the charge of embezzling $150,000 from the firm of Browning, King & Co., makers of clothing in Chicago, about six years ago. He disappeared at the time, and his disappearance caused a nine days' wonder. Many people thought that he had met with foul play, and it was not until his irregularities had been discovered that the cause of his disappearance was known.

Nichols was born in Monroe County, in this State. He went to Chicago when a lad and entered the employ of Browning, King & Co., and became the manager of the concern. He was known as the owner of a fine stud of horses and a large number of dogs. He was a large operator on the Chicago Board of Trade.

In his flight he first went to Cuba, where he remained a while, and then to Jamaica, and then to South America. He did little during his absence, being supplied with money by friends in America. He got tired of his wandering life about two months ago and came to this city. Mr. Browning, the head of the firm, whose New York offices are at Marion and Prince Streets, learned of his return and informed the police of the Mulberry Street Station.

Capt. Albertson and his detectives, Fahoney and Jackson, resolved to watch Wall Street and that neighborhood. They found a number of Chicago friends of Nichols operating in the Street, and watched them until they saw Nichols, whose description they had, approach one of them on Broadway. Capt. Albertson then put him under arrest.

The prisoner took his arrest coolly. He said that when he left Chicago he had only $1,600, which he had received as the proceeds of the sale of his kennel of dogs. He is a stout man, fifty years of age. He has been visiting with friends on One Hundred and Fifth Street.

ELDRIDGE BILL CONDEMNED

City Club and Other Organizations Send a Committee to Albany to Oppose It.

MANY OBJECTIONS URGED

Proposed Measure Will Legalize, It Is Said, a Large Number of Claims to Streets and Franchises Held by Railroad Companies.

The Legislation Committee of the City Club met last night in joint session with Everett P. Wheeler, Bowles Colgate, Isaac L. Seligman, and Charles H. Strong, representing the Citizens' Union; Joseph F. Darling and Samuel Seabury, representing the Association for the Public Control of Franchises; Isaac H. Klein of Good Government Club C, James McDonald of the West Side Association, Thomas A. Fulton of the Amsterdam Avenue Citizens' Committee, and Prof. James McKeen of the Hamilton Club of Brooklyn, to select a committee to appear before Gov. Black at Albany to-day and protest against the Eldridge bill, known as the proposed Railroad law.

The features of the bill were discussed at considerable length, and as the main objection to its provisions the plea was put forward that the bill threatened to revive and legalize a large number of franchises or claims to the streets of this city on the part of the several railroad companies. It was said that the line known as the Huckleberry Road would alone acquire twenty-two miles of streets without giving the city any return for the privilege. It was further pointed out that in many cases the burden of proof would be shifted from the railroad companies so that they would be presumed to have proceeded in accordance with the law, and to be legally in possession of streets which they might have occupied illegally and by force.

It was also urged that the bill might operate so as to enable street railway companies to engage in the business of supplying electric currents for light, power, and heat to different concerns, and an intimation was made to the effect that the Metropolitan Street Railway Company had already laid conduits available for this purpose in connection with some of its lines.

When discussion on this subject was closed the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to withhold his approval of the Assembly bill No. 1,278, known as the railroad law, if enacted this bill will validate or allow the occupation in perpetuity of certain streets of New York by corporations who now occupy or claim rights in such streets by means of franchises which are either void or voidable, and would thus operate as a grant to such corporations of the right to use such streets in perpetuity without obtaining the consent of the authorities of the city and without requiring that compensation be made to the city for the valuable rights thus granted.

If the franchises of railroads in occupying the streets are valid this legislation is unnecessary. If, on the other hand, such franchises are invalid and void abundant power is vested in the local authorities to grant new and valid franchises. The matter is one of local concern, which legislation should not interfere with.

As a result of the adoption of this resolution, Frederic H. Allen, representing both the City Club and the Citizens' Union; James McDonald, and Thomas A. Fulton were appointed a committee to go to Albany, and lay the objections to the Eldridge bill before the Governor. It is expected that several other prominent members of the organizations represented at last night's meeting will find time to go to Albany, and assist the committee in its efforts to kill the bill.

Resolutions were also adopted condemning the Senate bill affecting the appointment of City Magistrates, recently introduced by Senator Page, Republican, of New York County, and which the members of the Legislative Committee declare is a scheme to get such men as Patrick Divver and ex-Police Justice Koch back into office.

TO HONOR RICHARD CROKER.

Democratic Club Members to Give a Reception for Him Before He Leaves for England.

It was decided at a meeting held at the Democratic Club last night to hold a formal reception for Mr. Croker in the clubhouse on April 16. Unless the present National complications result in war with Spain, Mr. Croker purposes to sail for England to look after his racing stables about April 20, and the reception is to be in the nature of a farewell party. There will be no dinner, the programme arranged consisting of a stand-up collation, with some music, and the unveiling of a life-size oil painting of Mr. Croker, which is to be presented to the club by the hosts of the occasion.

At last night's meeting, held while Mr. Croker was at the theatre, the committee which arranged for the affair organized by electing John Fox Chairman and Andrew Freedman Treasurer, and Judge E. F. O'Dwyer Secretary. The Committee of Arrangements includes many of the department Commissioners, Controller Coler, Commissioners York and Shea, and James Shevlin of Brooklyn, Councilman Stewart M. Brice, Mayor Malloy of Troy, United States Senators A. P. Morgan and Edward Murphy, Jr., Calvin S. Brice, Randolph Guggenheimer, and Jefferson M. Levy. All the Tammany district leaders, including John C. Sheehan, are represented on the Collation, Music, and Press Committees.

The committee appointed to provide the painting of Mr. Croker includes Mayor Van Wyck, Perry Belmont, Senator Murphy, Senator Gorman, Congressman G. B. McClellan, David McClure, and Nathan Straus.

The cost of the whole affair will be borne by the committee, who conceived the idea of showing Mr. Croker how his associates regard him.

TENTH DISTRICT DEMOCRATS.

Assemblyman Harburger Reviews the Work of the Legislature.

The Tammany Association of the Tenth Assembly District held its regular monthly meeting last night at 94 Second Avenue. John G. Lynch presided. County Clerk Sohmer, Assemblyman Julius Harburger, and Fred Wiéman made brief addresses.

Mr. Harburger reviewed the work of the last Legislature and said, among other things: "I think the Democrats made a gallant fight and a splendid record. I am firm in the belief that the next Governor and both branches of the Legislature will be Democratic, and my wishes will be fulfilled in that the odious Raines law will be repealed."

DEMOCRATS GAIN IN SUFFOLK.

Indications that the County Has Voted Against Prohibition.

The ten towns of Suffolk County voted for Supervisors and town officers yesterday. The Democrats carried four towns and the Republicans six. This is a gain of two Supervisors for the Democrats. The gains were made in Islip and Brookhaven, which usually give Republican majorities. The other towns carried by the Democrats are Smithtown and East Hampton, both of which are normally Democratic.

A number of the towns voted on the license question under the local option clause of the excise law. The canvass of the vote on this question is not complete in most of the towns, but the indications are that the whole county has gone for liquor.

JOHN C. SHEEHAN'S RETURN.

His Followers Are Well Treated by Tammany Hall, He Says.

John C. Sheehan was enthusiastically received last night at the regular meeting of the General Committee of the Ninth Assembly District, held at the Pequod Club. He sat beside the Chairman, Bernard Courtney, and when the routine business of the evening was concluded made a brief address, in which he touched lightly upon the attacks made upon him during his absence in Florida.

"I had been away less than a week," he said, "on the first vacation I have taken in three years, when I learned that a man I had befriended was trying to harm me among my friends in this district. I also learned that there was such a thing as true friendship, and that my true friends stood by me to the last. I am an organization man. I have worked and will continue to work for the advantage of Tammany Hall. It is the only political organization that is worth belonging to. You hear many stories about me, but do not believe any of them true until I tell you they are true.

"There is said to be some dissatisfaction as to the manner in which the Ninth District is being treated. I tell you that the Ninth District is getting its share of recognition, and will get as much in the future as any district in the city. You need have no fear on that point. You can take my word for it."

QUEENS COUNTY ELECTIONS.

The Democrats Retain Control of the Board of Supervisors.

Elections were held in three of the towns of Queens County yesterday for Supervisors and town officers. The Democrats will control the new board.

In North Hempstead Augustus Denton, Republican, was elected to succeed himself as Supervisor. In Oyster Bay Samuel Underhill, also a Republican, goes back to the board. Hempstead voted on the local option clauses of the excise law. The town is Republican, but, owing to a split in the party, several of the leaders worked for the Democratic ticket. This resulted in the election of Charles Carl, Democrat, by a small majority. The town went for liquor by about 800.

The Supervisors who hold over are: Charles C. Powell, Flushing, Republican; George Creed, Jamaica, Democrat; David J. McDonald, Newtown, Democrat; James H. Johnston, Long Island City, Democrat. The incoming Supervisors are: Augustus Barton, North Hempstead, Republican; Samuel Underhill, Oyster Bay, Republican; Charles Carl, Hempstead, Democrat.

TROUBLE FOR MARTIN ENGEL.

Tammany Hall Men Show Discontent at the District Meeting.

Discontent which has arisen among Tammany Hall men in the Eighth Assembly District against the leadership of Martin Engel manifested itself last night at the regular monthly meeting of the organization at Grand and Ludlow Streets.

The storm was started by H. J. Goldsmith, who arose and said that if any Republicans in the district who were holding offices in the Labor Department would come forward and enroll themselves as members of the organization the leader would see that they were not thrown out of office. Philip Wissig then jumped up and said that any such deal would be outrageous. Louis Fuchslacher, one of the malcontents, thought that it was high time for Engel to come forward and show his generosity for the district men.

Mr. Engel then made a statement in which he said that, while he didn't fully agree with Mr. Goldsmith's views, the doors of the organization were open to any one who wanted to enter, and challenged Mr. Fuchslacher to name a single Republican to whom he had given a place.

"The whole trouble," he said, "lies in the civil service requirements, and as soon as the men pass their examinations I will do my best to get them a place. Let Mr. Fuchslacher pass the examination and I may be able to do something. If there is any man who has passed the examination and can say I haven't helped him, let him do so now. It is all right for fellows who have only personal grievances to get up and make remarks they are not responsible for, but, once for all, you must understand that it is impossible for a man who can't read or write to be appointed to a clerkship. I am going to look out first for the welfare of the community, and, while I am for Tammany Hall first, last, and all the time, I don't intend to ask for a place for any man who is not competent to fill it."

"Silver Dollar" Smith said he approved Mr. Engel's statement, and then the meeting was adjourned.

Hugh McLaughlin Returns.

Hugh McLaughlin returned to Brooklyn yesterday, apparently much benefited in health by his sojourn in Florida. With him were Mrs. McLaughlin, Miss Laura McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Nevins, and Frank Nevins. They were met at Jersey City by a number of prominent Democratic politicians, including James Shevlin, ex-Senator McCarty, and the elated Chairman of the new Kings County Executive Committee, Senator P. H. McCarren, who went over to Brooklyn with him. Mr. McLaughlin refused to discuss politics.

THEATRICAL GOSSIP.

The last concerts of the Symphony Society will take place to-morrow and Saturday afternoons at Carnegie Hall, and the programme will consist of Tschaikowsky's Symphony No. 5, violin concerto in D minor by Henri Manteau, Weingartner's symphonic poem, "The Elysian Fields."

Charles Frohman has come to the conclusion that E. S. Willard's severe illness will doubtless prevent him filling his engagement arranged for next season at Hoyt's Theatre, and has, therefore, canceled the booking, and will open the house with a new play of his own production.

Managers Brady and Ziegfeld of the Manhattan Theatre have selected for distribution on next Monday night when the seventy-fifth performance of "Way Down East" will be given, a souvenir of rare beauty. It consists of a cut glass bonbonnière with a handsome metal cover over it.

The third and last of the Sousa Sunday night concerts at the Metropolitan Opera House next Sunday night will be typical of the "March King" in music. He has arranged a programme comprising only compositions of his own, and in addition to the band, the entire companies of the De Wolf Hopper Opera Company and Bride Elect Opera Company will render "The Stars and Stripes Forever," under the direction of De Wolf Hopper.

Miss McIntosh, who was up to a short time ago a member of Augustin Daly's "The Geisha" company, has retired from the stage for this season. Miss McIntosh is visiting some friends in Philadelphia, recuperating preparatory to an operation on her eyes. She expects later to leave for England and become the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert at their lodge. As to her plans for next year Miss McIntosh is very undecided, and may remain the entire season in London.

There is much activity at the Olympia Music Hall in preparation for the opening of the building next Monday with Primrose & West's Minstrels. It is very nearly eight years since a complete minstrel entertainment was given at a Broadway theatre, and, therefore, Primrose & West are making the most elaborate arrangements for their production. Their organization includes many prominent comedians, and the company will number seventy-five people in all. A feature touching upon the prevailing patriotism will be given. The box office will open to-day for the sale of seats.

The American Line steamer St. Louis will carry as passengers to-day the second company to leave this country for London under Charles Frohman's management, whose object is to present a thoroughly American play—that of William Gillette's company. It comprises Miss Ida Conquest, Miss Kate Meek, Sam Reed, Hope Rose, Arnold Daly, James Brennan, Joseph Francscover, Robert Hickman, Arthur Brown, Emerson Solis, James Rickards, four colored chorus men, a carpenter, and a property man. The company expects to open at the Garrick Theatre Saturday, April 16, with "Too Much Johnson."

A. H. Canby expects to leave for Europe the latter part of this month, and during his stay will endeavor to secure some new musical attractions for Charles Frohman. His plans for next season are rather incomplete, but he has almost filled his cast for the production of "Little Miss Nobody," which will be presented on the road for a short time early in September, preceding its appearance in New York. The book is by Henry Graham, and the music by Arthur Godfrey. The leading part will probably be assumed by Frits Williams. Some of the other members of the cast will include Michael Kennedy, Charles Plunkett, William Norris, Edward Hanford, John Sutherland, Jessie Merrilee, Ethelia Levey, Nettie Neville, Adine Bouvier, and Minnie Deren.

Cowles Afraid to Come Here.

Application was made to Justice Bischoff, in the Supreme Court, yesterday for an order permitting Eugene Cowles to come to this city next week without fear of arrest for contempt of court. Some time ago Mrs. Cowles obtained a divorce from her husband, who is a member of the Bostonians Opera Company, and at the present time Cowles, it is alleged, is $8,300 in arrears in the alimony he was ordered to pay. Decision was reserved.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

UTICA, N. Y., April 5.—The new Utica Free Academy, which, it was expected, would be occupied next Fall, was destroyed by fire to-night. The loss is estimated at $110,000, one-half insured.

VICKSBURG, Miss., April 5.—Fire at 1:30 o'clock this morning destroyed the Piazza Opera House, Pitts's drug store, and the Piazza Harness Factory and Buggy Warehouse. Loss, $125,000; partly covered by insurance.

SHIPS AT THE NAVY YARD

The Texas, Storm-Bound Yesterday, Leaves This Morning to Join the Flying Squadron.

THE DOLPHIN OFF TO KEY WEST

Changes Made in the Two Turrets of the Texas—The Mayflower to be Floated Out of Dock—A Queer Story.

The battleship Texas was storm-bound in the navy yard yesterday. It was expected that she would leave on the morning's high tide, which was about 7 o'clock, but at that time it was snowing fast as well as blowing hard, and it was decided to wait until the weather moderated. Capt. Philip thought he would get away during the afternoon, but the storm lasted all day, and now it has been decided that the vessel will sail at 7 o'clock this morning. The Dolphin will go out at the same time. The Texas will go to Hampton Roads to join the flying squadron, and the Dolphin will join the fleet at Key West.

While she has been in the yard some changes have been made in the two turrets of the Texas. Formerly the big guns could only be loaded when they were in certain positions, and, after they had been fired, the turrets had to be turned in order to load. This took eight minutes, and consequently placed the warship at a disadvantage. Lieut. Francis J. Haeseler suggested that some changes should be made, and drew up plans which were approved by Capt. Philip. The Secretary of the Navy agreed to the changes if they could be made while the vessel was in the yard, and now it is possible to load and fire the big twelve-inch guns in two minutes and a half, or as fast as they are fired on any other warship.

Capt. Philip has been exonerated from all blame in connection with the slight accident to the Texas near Dry Tortugas on March 18, when she touched a coral reef. It is reported that the Iowa also touched a reef. The cruiser Montgomery was leading the fleet in the evolutions that day, and being of lighter draught than the battleships, passed over the reef safely. The Texas was the next vessel, and as soon as she touched signaled the Massachusetts and Iowa. The Massachusetts cleared the reef, but if the Texas had not signaled she would have struck the reef bow on and have been seriously injured. Later in the day the Iowa bumped a reef, but only slightly.

The storm seriously interfered with the work in the yard yesterday, and very little outdoor work could be done. The Mayflower was to have been floated out of the dock and the Sovereign put in her place. This change, however, will not be made until to-day. The Mayflower has shipped her crew of 125 men, and they were at work on the interior of the vessel. The plating is finished, the torpedo tubes are in place, and the big guns are mounted. The topmasts have been set on end and the signal lights hoisted on the trucks.

The tug Nezinscot, which left the yard on Monday, has returned. She only went out for a trial. The Tecumseh is ready to sail. Her compasses were adjusted yesterday.

Among those who wanted to enlist yesterday were some French sailors, but they were not eligible because they could not understand English.

A funny story was in circulation that several sailors had signed a "round robin" which had been sent to the President, in which they said that if the sailors who lost their lives on the Maine were not avenged they would ask for discharges or desert. Rear Admiral Bunce was said to be trying to find out who signed the alleged papers, but all the officers professed to know nothing about it. Some sailors who were questioned said that to sign such a paper would be mutiny, and they were not doing anything like that just now.

MINES FOR CHESAPEAKE BAY.

A Float with Buoys for Holding Them Arrives at Old Point Comfort.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 5.—Seaboard Air Line float No. 4, containing upward of forty buoys for holding submarine mines and torpedoes in position, arrived at Old Point Comfort some time last night, and as soon as the weather permits will be transferred to the Capes, which guard the entrance to Chesapeake Bay, when the work of laying the submarine mines and torpedoes, which are to guard this vital point, will be begun. The steamship Minia of the Anglo-American line, which has been engaged in similar work at Key West, will be used at the Capes. If the weather does not interfere it is probable that the float will be towed to the Capes to-night by the lighthouse tender Wahnetta. The storm signals are out, however, and there is every indication of rough and turbulent weather. It is said on good authority that the torpedoes and mines have already been loaded, and are ready to be attached to the wires, which were stretched across the channel at the entrance to the bay, and the buoys complete the outfits.

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(From 12 o'clock Monday night until 12 o'clock Tuesday night.)

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Coupons due January 1, 1898, attached to the new bonds, will be paid at the same time and place.

Certificate holders must advise the Trust Company in whose name their voting trust certificates are to be issued.

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New York, April 5, 1898.
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THE FINANCIAL MARKETS

Stock market irregular.

Transactions on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday were smaller in volume than for some time. Less than 270,000 shares changed hands. The market was heavy as well as dull, stocks sagging throughout the day, with occasional fractional rallies.

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It was a waiting market. Traders as well as the commission houses and stronger interests waited for news from Washington. Although there was a seeming calm, there was nevertheless great tension. The market, in fact, reflected the critical situation. Neither bulls nor bears were disposed to do anything until they had definite news from the President and Congress.

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The day was devoid of news developments. The usual wild and sensational stories were current, but Wall Street has come to pay very little attention to these. The traders, of course, used such stories as they could get hold of to influence the market, but they found but little response to their attempts to create price movements. They failed lamentably whenever they tried to get up an enthusiasm on either one side or the other.

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None of the larger interests of the Street was in any way active in the market. The purchases which some of the financial combinations were credited with making last week have stopped. In these quarters there is still a confidence that prices are at or near their lowest, and there is shown no disposition to liquidate holdings of even those stocks recently purchased, but the buying has been temporarily suspended.

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Government bonds were weaker. There were sales of $41,000 4s, 1925, coupon, at 122@121½.

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Net changes in stock quotations of one-half of 1 per cent. or more were:

Stocks Advanced.

Am. Sp. Mfg. pf.	2½	Laclede Gas	2
Denver & R. G. pf.	2½	West. Union Tel.	½
Hawaiian Sugar	½		

Stocks Declined.

Am. Sugar Ref.	1½	Manhattan con.	1½
Am. Sugar Ref. pf.	1	M. & St. L. 2d pf.	1
Am. Tobacco	½	Minnesota Iron	1½
A., T. & S. F. pf.	½	Mo., Kan. & Tex. pf.	1
Brook. Rapid Transit.	½	Missouri Pacific	½
Canadian Pacific	½	N. Y. Air Brake	6
Ches. & Ohio	1½	N. Y. Central	1½
C., B. & Q.	1½	Norfolk & West. pf.	½
C., M. & St. P.	½	Northern Pacific	1½
Chicago & N. W.	2	Northern Pacific pf.	½
C., R. I. & P.	1	Pacific Mail	1½
Consol. Gas	1	Peop. Gas, Chicago	½
Delaware & Hudson.	1½	Reading 1st pf.	½
Detroit Gas	1½	St. J. & G. I. 1st pf.	2
Erie 1st pf.	1	Southern Ry. pf.	½
Gen. Electric	½	Tenn. Coal & I.	1½
Illinois Central	1½	Union Pacific	½
Louis. & Nash.	1	Union Pacific pf.	½

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Net changes in bond quotations of 1 per cent. or more were:

Bonds Advanced.

Or. Short L. con. 5s.	1½	St. L. Southwest. 1st.	1
Or. S. L. Inc. B.	2	Ulster & Del. 1st.	1

Bonds Declined.

Am. Sp. Mfg. 6s.	3	Lehigh V. of N. Y. 1st	1½
B. & O. 1st 6s, Parks Bch	1	N. Y. Cent. 1st coup.	1
C., M. & St. P. con.	1	Rio G. West. 4s.	1
Col. Mid. 1st 6s, t. r.	1	Texas Pacific 2d.	1
Ft. W. & D. C. 1st.	1	W. Central 1st, t. r.	1

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

Money on call loans at 2@3 per cent., closing at 2 per cent.

Time money, 4½ per cent. for sixty days and 5@6 per cent. for longer periods. Commercial paper rates, 5 per cent. for sixty to ninety days' indorsements, 5½@6 per cent. for choice four to six months' single names, and 6½@7 per cent. for good names.

Clearing House exchanges, $152,024,132; balances, $8,353,978; Sub-Treasury debit balance, $525,341.

Money on call in London, 2@2½ per cent. Discount in open market, 2⅝ per cent. for short and 2⅞ for three months' bills.

Foreign exchange market was weak. Posted rates were ½c lower at $4.81 for sixty days and $4.84 for demand. Actual business was done at $4.80@$4.80½ for sixty-day bills, $4.83 for demand, $4.83½@4.83¾ for cable transfers, and $4.79½@$4.80¼ for commercial.

In Continental, Paris francs were quoted at 5.24¾ for long and $5.23½ for short, reichsmarks at 93⅞ and 94¼@94 5-16, and guilders at 39⅝ and 40.

New York exchange quoted as follows: Chicago—Holiday. Boston—S@10c discount. San Francisco—Sight, 12½c premium; telegraphic, 15c premium. New Orleans—Commercial, $1 discount; bank, par. Savannah—Buying, par; selling, 1-10c premium. Charleston—Buying, par; selling ⅛c premium. Cincinnati—Between banks, 60c discount; over counter, par. St. Louis—30c discount.

THE LONDON MARKET.

American shares were irregular in the London market, but closing generally lower. The principal changes were: Advanced—Pennsylvania, ⅛, to 58¾, and Erie, ⅛, to 13. Declined—St. Paul, 1⅛, to 91½; Louisville and Nashville, 1, to 51; New York Central, ⅝, to 114½; Erie first preferred, ⅛, to 34½; Illinois Central, ⅝, to 102⅛, and Reading, ⅛, to 8⅝. Atchison sold at 11⅝, and Canadian Pacific at 83¾. British consols advanced ⅛, to 111 5-16, for money, and 1-16, to 111⅛, for the account.

In Paris, rentes declined 12½c, to 103f 25c.

SUGAR TRUST BULLS.

Sugar Trust sold as low as 115¼ yesterday, a decline of nearly 7 points from its opening on Monday. The stock was decidedly weak all day, and was by far the most active on the list, transactions in it making up nearly one-third of the day's total. There was what could be called good selling of Sugar Trust yesterday, despite continued assurances from the bulls on the stock that the Arbuckle settlement has been all arranged for and is likely to be announced soon. Evidently these bulls are in the dark as to whether the promised announcement is to lead to a bull campaign in the stock. Latest intimations are that it may not. The bulls yesterday were sure that the settlement is certain, but they were afraid that any news regarding it would fall flat because of the uncertainty in regard to Cuba.

GRANGER STOCKS LOWER.

Burlington was the weakest of the Grangers yesterday, selling as low as 91¼ and making a net loss of 1⅛ points for the day. St. Paul, although more active, made only a fractional decline. Rock Island lost just a point on comparatively small transactions. The selling of the Grangers was done chiefly by traders, some of whom covered before the close and bid the stocks up in so doing. The trading in the group was wholly professional, except in Rock Island, where inside interests were again buyers of the stock.

NO HOLIDAY ON GOOD FRIDAY.

Because of the critical situation and the probability of important developments late this week, the Governors of the Stock Exchange yesterday reconsidered their former decision to close the Exchange on Good Friday, and decided to continue business on that day. The reconsideration was brought about by a resolution offered by a member of the Exchange asking the Governors to do so. Some of the larger commission houses opposed the movement, because, as they argued, such an unusual action by the Stock Exchange, which has always closed on Good Friday, would lead the public to look upon the situation as much more critical and serious than it really is. The prevailing sentiment, however, was that in case of developments of a disturbing character toward the end of the week the two hours of business on Saturday would not be enough time for the proper transaction of necessary business.

GOLD IMPORTS AND EXCHANGE.

Engagements of gold for import announced yesterday were unusually heavy, amounting to $3,000,600. Of this, $1,250,000 is to come to J. & W. Seligman & Co., $700,000 to Kuhn, Loeb & Co., $500,000 to the Bank of British North America, $300,000 to Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co., and $250,000 to the National City Bank. Since Feb. 25 there has been engaged in and imported from Europe $49,730,000.

The heavy imports were due to the weakness in sterling exchange. Rates declined still further yesterday, demand sterling touching $4,83. The continued higher money rates here at New York are largely responsible for the weakness of exchange rates. There are also large offerings of investment bills maturing at the end of the week. Exchange brokers yesterday predicted a still further decline in rates and large engagements of gold during the week.

GOVERNMENT BONDS WEAKER.

Government bonds showed weakness yesterday, although sales of the new 4s were made as high as 122, 1⅝ points above the last transaction in them, which was made on Saturday. After selling at 122, the bonds declined to 121½, and at the close were 121 bid, the closing bid price showing a decline of one-half of 1 per cent. from that of Monday. Large offerings of the new 4s were reported yesterday morning at 122.

Spanish securities on the foreign Bourses were extremely weak, selling below 50 and closing at 50 15-16, a net loss of 2 points.

THE MONEY MARKET.

Call money loaned at 2½ and 3 per cent. yesterday, the rate advancing somewhat, although the demand continued light. The large amounts offered on call by important banking houses on Monday were not in evidence yesterday. The demand for time money is somewhat better than of late, but as yet there is no change in rates. Wall Street is given to terming the present money market situation as "abnormal," but in many banking quarters it is believed that still higher rates will prevail in the near future.

IN THE COAL TRADE.

Discussing coal trade conditions, the April letter of the Anthracite Coal Operators' Association says:

"The optimistic bubble of 'active consumption' was pricked with vigor during the month of March. The hope and belief that the month would be a typical one, with cold and raw weather, was the foundation for an estimate of consumption which, with the large stocks being carried, was much too great. The weather was not according to the estimate, and consequently there was little demand. Nobody wanted coal, and even a concession in price would not have been a substantial inducement to buyers. It is true that the weather was exceptionally mild, but this is one of the factors which should be thought of beforehand instead of being admitted afterward. It was the same trouble which has for years past stood in the way of a successful issue in the anthracite industry, the fear to take a radical and decided step, even though it be admitted that the benefit is certain.

"April opens with a somewhat brighter promise. The estimated consumption and output is, of course, a postponement of what should have been done in March, and has delayed the results for a month, but if the production is kept within the 2,000,000 tons now estimated, there is little doubt that some of the surplus stocks may be moved and leave the sellers in a satisfactory position to take care of the Spring business. This small production will, of course, be severely felt at the collieries, but this is a time when considerations for the coming months leave no choice but to make good the errors of last Fall. There is one serious drawback to the month's prospects, even with this small tonnage, and that is the indecision as to whether or not the present prices will be maintained. A lower Spring circular gives sellers an opportunity to extend low-priced sales over the Summer and into the Fall months. This helped to demoralise the market last year, and can easily do so again unless some influence stronger and wiser than any that is now apparent be used to prevent it. There should be no more uncertainties. It is perfectly practicable to have the entire system of the trade placed on a fixed basis, and it will not be a success until an influence is found strong enough to do this."

WALL STREET TALK.

The following topics of interest were discussed in Wall Street yesterday:

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Sharp decline in Spanish 4s in both London and Paris.

Reduction of half a cent in posted rates for sterling exchange.

Decrease of $1,809,000 in exports of merchandise for the week as compared with previous week, but increase of $2,900,000 as compared with corresponding week last year.

Declaration of the regular quarterly dividends on the shares of the H. B. Claflin Company.

Operations of Boston Clearing House for year ended March 31 largest in history of institution.

Shipment of first consignment of 2,000,000 tons of iron ore from the Gogebic Range for the Illinois Steel Company.

Sensational decline in May and August wheat in Paris—equal to 4¾ cents per bushel.

Meeting of passenger agents of transcontinental lines in Chicago. No action taken on report of Committee on Rates.

Proposition submitted to Western roads to discontinue meeting Canadian Pacific rates through the Missouri River gateway.

RAILWAY STATEMENTS.

The following railways reporting yesterday gross earnings for the fourth week in March showed increases:

Alabama Great Southern	$4,315
Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg	10,950
Canadian Pacific	105,000
Chicago and East Illinois	2,900
Chicago Great Western	8,357
Denver and Rio Grande	30,400
Louisville and Nashville	33,478
Mexican Central	8,726
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	863
New York, Ontario and Western	8,138
Texas and Pacific	22,670
Wabash	71,450

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The following showed decreases:

Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern	$1,781
Chesapeake and Ohio	27,698
Cleveland, Lorain and Wheeling	2,551
Evansville and Indianapolis	2,032
Evansville and Terre Haute	2,827
Mexican National	5,858
Southern Railway	14,144
Southern Railway, Memphis Division	4,150

R. V. HARNETT & CO.'S SALE.

Richard V. Harnett & Co. sold yesterday at the New York Real Estate Salesroom, 111 Broadway, $11,000 the New Jersey Electric Railway Company first mortgage 5 per cent. bonds, due 1944, Nov. 1, 1896, coupons attached. They brought 16¼ per cent.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE.

Exports of general merchandise from the Port of New York for the week were valued at $8,836,532, against $10,645,891 in the preceding week and $5,920,532 in the corresponding week of last year. Total since Jan. 1, $118,686,468, against $100,502,748 in the corresponding period last year.

BIDS FOR BANK STOCKS.

America	300	German-American	110
City	200	Greenwich	165
Columbia	140	Hanover	300
Continental	120	New Amsterdam	245
Chatham National	240	New York	320

There was a sale of 10 shares of Commerce at 224.

BULLION AND MINING.

Silver bullion certificates were quoted on the Stock Exchange at 55@56⅛. There were no sales.

Bar silver in London, 25¾d per ounce.

Commercial price of bar silver, 55¾c per ounce. Mexican silver dollars quoted at 45c.

The Mercantile Safe Deposit Company holds 853,029.44 ounces of silver bullion.

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On the Consolidated Exchange 1,000 shares of Alamo sold at .02, 200 Consolidated California and Virginia at .90, 400 Mexican at .50, 500 Mount Rosa at .11, 1,000 Pharmacist at .07, 200 Sierra Nevada at 2.60, 100 Standard at 1.75.

On the Mining Exchange 1,600 shares of Alamo sold at .02½, 100 American Flag at .08, 18,000 Anaconda at .32@.35, 10,500 Cripple Creek Consolidated at .06½@.06¾@.06¾@.08¾, 62,000 Cannon Ball at .008¾@.00 3½ cash, to .004 seller 10, 1,700 Garfield Gr. at .05¾@.06¼@.05½, 2,000 Golden Fleece at .41 seller 10, 1,000 Hanava at .75, 1,000 Isabella at .22 seller 10, 6,700 Jefferson at .05@.04½ @.04¾, 10,000 Justine at .03¾ cash, 1,100 Lillie at .80¾@.80¼, 500 Mollie Gibson at .19¾, 500 Mount Rosa at .10¼, 131,000 Old Gold at .008¾@.003½@.004, 57,000 Sentinel at .01½ buyer 10, to .01⅝ buyer 60, 8,000 Union at .00¼, 700 Yukon at .18½ buyer 30.

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The closing quotations for mining stocks on the various Exchanges yesterday compared as follows with those of Monday:

STOCK EXCHANGE.

	Monday. Bid.	Asked.	Yesterday. Bid.	Asked.
Alice	.60	1.00	.60	1.00
Alta	.13	..	.13	..
Belcher	.23	..	.23	..
Best & Belcher	.34	.40	.34	.40
Breece	.35	.42	.35	.42
Brunswick	.10	..	.10	..
Challar	.40	..	.40	..
Chrysolite	.06	.12	.09	.12
Comstock Tunnel Co.	.03	.04	.03	.04
Con. Cal. & Va.	.80	..	.80	..
Crown Point	.24	..	.24	..
Deadwood	.70	1.05	.70	1.05
Enterprise Mining Co.	.28	..	.28	..
Father De Smet	.17	.23	.17	.23
Gould & Curry	.25	..	.25	..
Hale & Norcross	1.10	..	1.10	..
Horn Silver	1.25	1.50	1.25	1.50
Iron Silver	..	1.50	..	1.50
Kingston & Pemb. Iron	.15	.23	.15	.23
La Crosse	.11	..	.11	..
Leadville	.07	..	.07	..
Little Chief	.12	..	.13	..
Mexican	.40	..	.40	..
Ophir	.75	..	.75	..
Phoenix Gold	.05	.06	.05	.06
Potosi	.40	..	.40	..
Plymouth Consolidated	.07	..	.07	..
Sierra Nevada	1.05	..	1.05	..
Standard Consolidated	1.65	1.85	1.65	1.85
Union Consolidated	.40	..	.40	..
Utah	.10	..	.10	..
Yellow Jacket	.25	..	.25	..

CONSOLIDATED EXCHANGE.

	Monday. Bid.	Asked.	Yesterday. Bid.	Asked.
Alice	.75	..	.75	..
Alamo G. M. Co.	..	.04	..	.04
Best & Belcher	.24	..	.24	..
Breece	.30	..	.30	..
Brunswick Consolidated	.12	.14	.12	.14
Belmont	.10	..	.10	..
Caledonia B. H.	.50	..	.50	..
Crown Point	.23	..	.23	..
Chrysolite	..	..	.08	..
Con. Cal. & Va.	.80	..	.80	..
Comstock Tun. Co. stock	.08	..	.08	..
Comstock Tun. Co. bonds	.08	..	.08	..
Comstock Tun. Co. scrip	.08	..	.08	..
Crescent	.04	..	.04	..
Catalpa	.07	..	.07	..
Deadwood Terra	..	1.00	..	1.00
Eureka Consolidated	.10	..	.10	..
Father De Smet	.17	..	.17	..
Gould & Curry	.25	..	.25	..
Hale & Norcross	1.30	..	1.30	..
Homestake	8.700	..	8.700	..
Horn Silver	1.25	..	1.25	..
Iron Silver	.33	..	.33	..
Kingston & Pembroke	.15	..	.15	..
La Crosse	.14	..	.14	..
Leadville, Con	.08	..	.08	..
Little Chief	.14	..	.14	..
Mexican	.35	..	.35	..
Moulton	.20	..	.20	..
Ontario	2.75	..	2.75	..
Ophir	.65	..	.65	..
Occidental	2.40	..	2.40	..
Quicksilver	1.00	..	1.00	..
Quicksilver pf.	2.00	..	2.00	..
Potosi	.40	..	.40	..
Savage	.23	..	.23	..
Sierra Nevada	1.90	..	1.90	..
Standard	1.70	..	1.70	..
Small Hopes	.75	1.00	.75	1.60
Union Consolidated	.40	..	.40	..
Utah	.10	..	.10	..
Victor	1.00	..	1.00	..
Yellow Jacket	.25	..	.25	..
Argentum Juanita	.17	..	.17	..
Anaconda	.34	..	.34	..
Cripple Creek Cons.	.05	..	.05	..
Cash & Cripple Creek	.03	..	.03	..
Golden Fleece	.35	..	.35	..
Isabella	.20	..	.20	..
Mollie Gibson	.19	..	.19	..
Mount Rosa	.10	..	.10	..
Pharmacist	.05	..	.05	..
Specimen	.72	..	.72	..
Union	.02	..	.02	..
Work	.09	..	.09	..

MINING EXCHANGE.

	Monday. Bid.	Asked.	Yesterday. Bid.	Asked.
American Flag	.06	.25	.08	.20
Alamo	.02½	.02¾	.02	.02¼
Anaconda	.30	.34	.36	.39
Anchoria	.75	.80	..	..
Cripple Creek Con.	.05¼	.06¼	.05¼	.06
Cannon Ball	.008½	.004½	.008¾	.004
Elkton	..	..	.70	.75
Gold Coin	1.00	2.00	..	..
Gold Magnet	.004	.006	..	.006
Garfield Grouse	.05¾	.06¼	.06½	.08
Golden Fleece	.37	.39	.36	.40
Havana	.75	.76	.75	.76
Isabella	.21½	.22	.21¼	.22½
Japan	2.50	5.00	..	..
Jefferson	.04½	.05¼	.04½	.05¼
Justine	.03¾	.05¾	.05¾	.03¾
Lillie	.79	.81	.80	.86
Miami	..	..	.39	.40
Mollie Gibson	.20	.21	.19½	.20½
Mount Rosa	.09¾	.10¼	.10¼	.11
Old Gold	.002¾	.004	.008½	.006
Pilgrim	.004½	.007	..	.006
Portland	.75	.76	..	..
Rocky Mountain	..	..	..	.15
Red Mountain	.06	.09	..	..
St. F. Cariboo	2.62½	2.75	2.62½	2.75
Sentinel	.01	.01¼	.00¾	.01
Tamarack	.005	.006	.004	..
Union	.09¼	.09¾	.08¾	.09½
Waldorf	..	.10	..	.10
Work	.01¾	.02¼	.01½	.02¾
Yukon	.10	.12	.10	.12

OUTSIDE SECURITIES.

The only stock which was active yesterday in the outside security market was Standard Oil, in which a decline of 9 points from the closing figures of Monday took place.

Traction Quotations.

	Bid.	Asked.
Broadway & Seventh Avenue, ex div.	205	213
Broadway & Seventh Avenue 1st	106	110
Broadway & Seventh Avenue 2d	111	112
Broadway Surface 1st 5s	115	117
Broadway Surface 2d	106	107
Brooklyn City Railroad	198	201
Brooklyn, Bath & W. E. 5s	83	85
Brook. Elev. tr. r'cts, 2d asst. pd.	10	12½
Brook., Queens Co. & Suburban 5s	103	106
Buffalo Crosstown 5s	107	109
Buffalo Street Railway stock	78	80
Buffalo Street Railway cons	109	111
Central Park, N. & E. River	117	125
Central Park, N. & E. River 7s	110	113
Columbus (Ohio) stock	45	48
Columbus (Ohio) con. 5s	97	99
Eighth Avenue Railroad	310	325
42d St., Man. & St. Nicholas Av.	97	99
42d St., Man. & St. Nicholas Av. 1st	116	117
42d St., Man. & St. Nicholas Av. 2d	90	91½
Kings County Elevated	1¼	2½
Nassau 1st 5s, (Brooklyn Trolley)	100	103
New Orleans Traction common	..	2
New Orleans Traction pf.	13	15
Ninth Avenue Railroad	192	194
Steinway R. R. Co. 6 p. c. 1st	115	117
Second Avenue Railroad 1st 5s	107½	108½
Sixth Avenue Railroad stock	195	210
Third Avenue Railroad	165	170
Union Railway 1st 5s, (Huckleberry)	111½	114
Union Railway stock	175	200
Worcester (Mass.) Traction	15	17
Worcester (Mass.) Trac. pf., ex div.	92	94

Ferry Securities.

Hoboken Ferry stock	85	88
Hoboken Ferry 5s	106	107
Metropolitan Ferry 5s	108	110
N. Y. & E. R. Ferry 5s	94	96
N. Y. & E. R. Ferry stock	73	74
Union Ferry stock	82	83
Union Ferry bonds	103	104

Natural Gas.

Fort Wayne Gas stock	78	81
Fort Wayne 1st 6s	90	91
Indianapolis Gas 5s	115	125
Indianapolis Gas bonds	105	107
Lafayette Gas Company 1st 6s	90	91
Lafayette Gas Company stock	78	83
Logansport & Wab. Val. gas stock	87	90
Logansport & Wab. Val. 5s	70	74
Ohio & Indiana stock	50	60
Ohio & Indiana bonds, ex int	90	93

Illuminating Gas.

Amsterdam common	26	27
Amsterdam pf.	40	45½
Buffalo (N. Y.) stock	27	28
Buffalo (N. Y.) 1st, with interest	91	93
Central Union 5s, guaranteed	100	101
Columbus Gas	87	90
Consolidated Gas bonds of N. J.	10	11
Consolidated Gas of N. J.	16	21
Consumers' Gas (Jersey City) bonds	103½	104
Grand Rapids Gas stock	78	79
Metual Gas Company of New York	310	325
Madison (Wisconsin) stock	80	90
N. Y. & E. R. Gas Co. 1st 5s	105	119
N. Y. & E. R. Gas Co. con	104	105
Norfolk (Va.) Gas stock	90	95
Norfolk (Va.) Gas 1st	100	104
People's Gas Co. (Chi.) 5s, (int. on)	104	104½
St. Joseph (Mo.) Gas	35	40
St. Joseph (Mo.) 6s	90	95
St. Paul Gas stock	35	41
St. Paul Gas bonds	90	95
Standard Gas Light Co. stock	120	125
Standard Gas New York, pf.	118	125
Standard Gas, New York, 1st 5s	110	115
Standard Gas, New York, 2d 5s	85	90
Standard Gas, Chicago, 1st 5s	90	95
Standard Gas, Chicago, 2d 5s	70	75
Standard Gas, Chicago, stock	90	95
Standard Gas, Chicago, pf.	90	95
Syracuse Gas stock	10	15
Syracuse Gas 1st 6 p. c. bonds	90	95
Western Gas Company	150	155
Western Gas Company bonds	100	105

Industrials.

American Bank Note	38	40
American Typefounders	14	17
Barney & Smith common	14	17
Cramp & Shipyard stock	17	20
Glucose common	77½	81½
Glucose preferred	90½	94
Herring-Hall-Marvin	74	77
Herring-Hall-Marvin preferred	4	8
Hocker-Jones-Jewell Milling Co.	21	24½
Lordland Company pf.	113	115
Malt common	21¼	22½
Malt preferred, ex dividend	67	69
Michigan-Peninsular Car	9	12
Michigan-Peninsular 5 p. c. bonds	75	80
National Biscuit co. common	38	44
National Biscuit pf.	77	85
Nicaragua Canal Con., new	6	8
Pennsylvania Coal	320	325
Pratt & Whitney	10	14
Pratt & Whitney pf.	35	50
Standard Oil Trust	356	357
Trenton Potteries	69	71
Trenton Potteries pf.	88	91
Union Typewriter 1st pf.	45½	46
Union Typewriter 2d pf.	31	32½
Wagner Car Company	150	170½
Worthington Pump pf.	87	92½

The Miscellaneous List.

Acker, Merrall & Condit bonds	90	100
Anderson Tobacco Company	10	20
Central & South American Tel.	104	107
Commercial Cable stock	183	185
Electro-Pneumatic, sm't paid	1	1½
Hudson River Telephone stock	72	75
Iron Steamboat	2½	4½
Iron Steamboat 6s	85	90
Madison Square Garden 2d	30	40
Metropolitan El., Chicago, 1st 5s	46	49
N. Y. & N. J. Telephone	140	145
Northwestern Telegraph Company	112	117
Troy Directory pf.	90	100
Wool Exchange	130	135

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

ALABAMA GREAT SOUTHERN—

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Mileage	310	310	310
4th week March	$42,800	$38,580	$38,908
Month	186,681	121,540	123,520
From July 1	1,350,186	1,243,176	1,307,709

BALTIMORE & OHIO SOUTHWESTERN—

Mileage	921	921	921
4th week March	$172,677	$173,458	$161,585
Month	600,183	516,996	530,077
From July 1	4,963,892	4,684,173	4,477,044

BUFFALO, ROCHESTER & PITTSBURG—

Mileage	339	340	340
4th week March	$92,139	$81,377	$74,550
Month	287,293	252,893	231,106
From July 1	2,715,610	2,534,168	2,342,805

CANADIAN PACIFIC—

Mileage	6,547	6,444	6,443
4th week March	$641,000	$536,000	$466,000
Month	2,050,000	1,509,000	1,505,000
From Jan. 1	5,217,228	4,094,018	4,303,697

CHESAPEAKE & OHIO—

Mileage	1,320	1,320	1,320
4th week March	$316,992	$244,532	$270,007
Month	950,175	1,006,553	812,700
From July 1	5,865,684	5,089,089	7,738,800

CHICAGO & EASTERN ILLINOIS—

Mileage	542	542	531

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Complete Transactions in Stocks—Tuesday, April 5, 1898.

Sales.	Asked.	Bonds.	First.	High.	Low.	Last.	Net Change.
60	71	10 Am. Cotton Oil pf	68½	68½	68½	68½	
8½	8¾	5,950 American Spirits Mfg	8¾	8¾	8¾	8¾	-¼
20½	22	420 Am. Spirits Mfg. pf	21	21	20½	20½	-1½
116½	116¾	62,075 Am. Sugar Ref. Co	115	116¾	115¾	116¾	+1
107	108	110 Am. Sugar Ref. Co. pf	108	108	108	108	-1
90	92	20 Am. Tel. & Cable Co	91	91	91	91	
101¾	102	6,905 American Tobacco	102¾	103¼	101	101¾	-¾
115	118	12 American Tobacco pf	118½	118½	118½	118½	
11	11¾	210 At., T. & S. F	11¼	11¾	11¼	11¾	
25¾	26¾	2,450 At., T. & S. F. pf	25	26	25¼	25¾	-¾
16	17	100 Baltimore & Ohio	16	16	16	16	-¼
6	6½	100 B. & O. Southw. pf	6	6	6	6	-¼
2¾	3½	1,400 Bay State Gas	3¼	3½	3	3	
35½	36¾	2,450 Brooklyn Rapid Tran	35¾	36¾	35¾	35¾	-½
110	115	85 Brooklyn Union Gas	110	111	110	110¾	
80¾	81½	200 Canadian Pacific	81¼	81¼	81¼	81½	-¼
18¾	19	965 Chesapeake & Ohio	19	19	18¾	18¾	-¼
91¾	91¾	25,847 Chi., Bur. & Quincy	93	93¼	91¾	91¾	-1¼
104¾	104¾	1,100 Chicago Great West	104¼	104¾	10	10¾	-¼
89	89¾	28,000 Chi., Mil. & St. Paul	89¾	89¾	89¾	89¾	-¼
142	144	100 Chi., Mil. & St. P. pf	144½	144¾	144	144	-2
118	118½	950 Chicago & Northw	119	119	117¾	117¾	-¼
85¾	86¾	10,120 Chi., Rock Isl. & Pac	86	86¾	85¼	85¾	-1
11½	11¾	200 Cleve., Lor. & Wheel	11½	11½	11¼	11¼	-¼
5	6	100 C. & H. C., all in. pd	5½	5½	5½	5½	
176¼	178	865 Consolidated Gas	179	179	176	176	-3
85½	87	10 Cons. Ice pf., ex div	85	85	85	85	
106¾	108	538 Delaware & Hudson	107	107	106¾	106¾	-1¾
43	44	1,000 Denver & R. G. pf	44½	44½	43¾	43¾	+2½
59	61½	200 Detroit Gas	60	60	60	60	-1½
12½	13	300 Erie	12¾	12¾	12¼	12¾	
32½	33¼	100 Erie 1st pf	33	33	33	33	-1
		18 Ft. W. & D. C., st	25	25	25	25	
32¼	32⅞	800 General Electric	32¾	33	32¼	32¼	-⅞
23¾	24	200 Hawaiian Sugar	23¾	23¾	23¾	23¾	+⅞
98	99	330 Illinois Central	99	99	98¼	98¼	-1½
7⅞	8½	50 Iowa Central	8	8	8	8	
40¾	41½	500 Laclede Gas	41	42	41	42	+2
179	183	45 Lake Shore	178¾	178¾	178¾	178¾	
49¼	49¾	3,845 Louisville & Nashville	50	50¼	48¾	49¾	-1
96¾	97	15,285 Manhattan Con	97	97¾	96¾	97¾	+1½
135¾	136¼	9,285 Metropolitan St. Ry	135½	136¼	134¾	135½	+1
49	53	100 Minn. & St. L. 2d pf	50	50	50	50	-½
58	60	110 Minnesota Iron	59¼	59¾	59¼	59¼	-1½
31⅝	32¼	360 Mo., Kan. & Tex. pf	32	32	32	32	-1
26¼	26½	2,745 Missouri Pacific	26½	26¾	26	26½	-⅛
29¾	30	110 National Lead Co	30	30	30	30	
102¾	106	120 National Lead Co. pf	106¼	106¾	103¼	103¾	-1
91½	92¼	210 New Jersey Central	92	92	92	92	+¼
17	20	400 New York Air Brake	15	16	14	16	-6
110¼	110¾	8,891 New York Central	111	111	109¾	110¾	-1⅝
45¾	46	720 Norfolk & West. pf	45¾	46¾	45¾	45¾	-½
5¾	5¾	500 North American	5¾	5¾	5¾	5¾	+⅛
22¾	23	2,990 Northern Pacific	23	23¼	22¾	22¾	+⅛
61¾	62	3,970 Northern Pacific pf	62¼	62¼	61¾	61¾	+⅛
14¾	15	370 Ontario & Western	14¾	14¾	14¾	14¾	+⅛
66	68¼	50 Oregon R. & Nav. pf	67½	67¾	67¼	67½	-1
23¼	24	900 Pacific Mail	24¼	24⅝	23½	23⅝	-1¼
113¾	113¾	600 Pennsylvania R. R	113¾	113¾	113¼	113¼	-1
91	91¾	3,122 People's Gas, Chicago	91¾	91¾	90¾	91¾	-⅛
170	172	125 Pull. Pal. Car Co	170¼	170¾	170¼	170¾	+¼
16½	17	400 Reading	17	17	16¾	16¾	-⅛
38	40	720 Reading 1st pf	39¾	39¾	38¾	39¾	+¾
43	48	100 St. J. & G. I. 1st pf	48	48	45	45	-2
6¼	6⅝	50 St. L. & San Fran	6¼	6¼	6¼	6¼	
55	56	205 St. L. & S. F. 1st pf	55¼	55¼	55¼	55¼	+¼
25⅞	26	100 St. L. & S. F. 2d pf	26	26	26	26	
13¾	14¾	350 Southern Pacific	14	14	13¾	13¾	-¼
7⅞	8	770 Southern Railway	8	8	7⅞	7⅞	
26½	28¾	1,120 Southern Railway pf	29¾	29¾	26¼	26¼	-1¾
19½	19¾	1,820 Tenn. Coal & Iron	20½	20½	19	19¼	-1¼
10	10¾	510 Texas Pacific	10	10	10	10	-¼
19¾	19¾	685 Union Pacific	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾	-¼
52¾	52¾	26,898 Union Pacific pf	52¾	52¾	51¾	52¾	-¼
6¾	6¾	3,720 U. P., D. & G., t. r	6¾	6¾	6¾	6¾	
38	41	3 United States Express	41	41	41	41	
15¾	16	445 Wabash pf	15¼	15¾	15¼	15¾	+¼
115	120	8 Wells-Fargo Express	118	118	118	118	
86½	87	1,690 Western Union Tel	86	86¼	86	86½	+⅛
1¾	2	100 W. & L. E., $1 as. pd	2	2	2	2	
Sales		268,739					

Complete Bond Transactions.

Am Spirits Mfg Co 6s
1,000 66
1,000 67
Am Tobacco Co scrip
2,000 ..... 84½
3,000 84
Ann Arbor 1st 4s
2,000 ..... 83½
At., T. & S F gen 4s
4,000 87
5,000 ..... 86¾
5,000 ..... 86½
18,000 87
9,000 ..... 86¾
Adjustment 4s
1,000 ..... 59¼
500 ..... 59¾
40,000 ..... 59¾
20,000 ..... 58½
14,000 58
16,000 ..... 57¾
10,000 ..... 58½
5,000 58
10,000 ..... 58½
12,000 58
3,000 ..... 57¾
5,000 ..... 57⅞
95,000 58
5,000 ..... 58½
45,000 ..... 58½
Austin & N W 1st
10,000 ..... 83½
Balt & Ohio 1st, Parkersburg Branch
16,000 108
Broadway & 7th Av 1st cons 5s
5,000 ..... 118½
Canada So 1st 5s
5,000 100
Ches & Ohio gen 4½s
3,000 77
1,000 ..... 77½
2,000 ..... 76½
Ches & Ohio con 5s
25,000s20F 114
2,000 ..... 113¾
Ches & Ohio, R & A Div, 1st cons 4s
1,000 102
Chi, B & Q, Neb ext 4s
50,000 ..... 95¾
Chi, B & Q cons 7s
3,000 ..... 114½
Chi, B & Q conv 5s
2,000 108
Chi & E Ill gen 5s reg
1,000 105
Chi, R I & P ext 5s
137,000 ..... 106¾
Colorado Mid 1st, Trust Co certfs
1,000 62
Col & Ninth Av 1st
1,000 118
Consumers' Gas Co of Chicago 1st 5s
5,000c 102
Den & R G Imp 5s
2,500 ..... 89¾
Den & R G 1st
1,000 108
East Tenn, Va & Ga divisional 5s
2,000 ..... 112½
Total sales $1,202,000

Ft W & D C 1st
15,000 66
Erie 4s prior bonds
1,000 87
10,000 ..... 86½
3,000 86
7,000 ..... 85¾
4,000 86
Ga Pacific 1st 5-6s
1,000 119
H & Tex Cent G M 4s
5,000 77
L S & M So 1st coup
1,000 107
Lehigh Val of N Y 1st
3,000 108
3,000 ..... 106¼
Louis & Nash, Ev, H & Nash 1st
2,000 113
United gold 4s
31,000 86
Louis & Nash, Nash, Flor & S 1st
10,000 ..... 67½
Louis & Nash 5s
1,000 104
Met St Ry gen 5s
7,000 ..... 109¼
Mexican Inter 1st 4s
10,000 73
5,000 ..... 73¼
5,000 ..... 73½
Mil & St Paul, Chi & Mil Div
5,000 141
Southern Minn Div
1,000 ..... 116½
Mil & St Paul cons
5,000 ..... 141½
Mo, K & East 1st
3,000 ..... 98½
Mo, K & T 1st 4s
5,000 ..... 86½
5,000 ..... 86¼
1,000 86
Mo, K & T 2d
8,000 60
2,000 ..... 60¼
5,000 ..... 59¾
5,000 ..... 59¾
N Y Cent 1st coup
10,000 115
N Y Cent 1st reg
5,000 115
N Y, C & St L 4s
1,000 101
N Y, O & W con 5s
2,000s20F 106
N Y, S & W 1st refdg 5s
4,000 105
Nort & W Ry con 4s
3,000 ..... 78½
Nor Pac gen lien 3s
10,000 59
Nor Pac Ry prior lien 4s
5,000 ..... 93¾
21,000 ..... 96½
Nor Ry of Cal 5s
10,000 100
Oregon Imp Co con 5s, Trust Co certfs, all installments paid
3,000 ..... 55¾

Oregon S L 1st con 5s
3,000 ..... 99½
8,000 100
Oregon R & N 4s
5,000 ..... 92½
Oregon S L, inc B & col trust
10,000 47
Peo & Eastern 1st
2,000 ..... 76½
P, C, C, & St L 4½s, Series B
1,000 ..... 110½
Reading Co gen 4s
4,000 ..... 80¾
10,000 ..... 80¾
11,000 80
Rio Grande West 1st
3,000 80
St L & Iron Mt gen 5s
1,000 ..... 87¼
12,000 87
3,000 ..... 86¼
3,000 87
St L & S F 4s
2,000 ..... 72½
St L & S F 2d, Class B
1,000 ..... 113½
St L S W 1st
5,000 ..... 74½
San An & Ar Pass 4s
0,000 58
1,000 ..... 57½
So Pac of Cal 5s consld
8,000 ..... 96¼
Southern Ry 1st 5s
1,000 ..... 88¼
1,000 88
1,000 ..... 86¼
18,000 88
Tex & Pac 1st 5s
2,000 100
2,000 ..... 99¾
Tex & Pac 2d inc
15,000 ..... 31¾
2,000 ..... 31¼
8,000 31
Ulster & Del 1st 5s
5,000 101
Union Pacific 4s
2,000 91
5,000 ..... 90¾
34,000 ..... 90¾
5,000 ..... 90¾
1,000 ..... 90¾
25,000 ..... 90½
500 ..... 90¾
11,000 ..... 90½
41,000 ..... 90¾
35,000 90
5,000 ..... 90¼
Wabash 1st 5s
1,000 107
1,000 ..... 106¾
1,000 107
3,000 ..... 106¾
West Shore gtd 4s
3,000 ..... 107¾
3,000 ..... 107¼
Wis Cent Co 1st, Trust Co certfs
10,000 ..... 38½
10,000 38

Bid and Asked Quotations.

The following were the closing quotations for Government bonds and for stocks in which there were no transactions:

	Bid.	Ask'd.		Bid.	Ask'd.		Bid.	Ask'd.
4s, r., 1891	97½	..	D. M. & Ft. D., r	10	12	N. Y., C. & St. L. 1st pf	68	73
4s, r., 1907	106½	109½	D. M. & Ft. D. pf.	70	..	N. Y., C. & St. L. 2d pf	28	32
4s, c., 1907	110¾	111¾	Dul., S. S. & A	2½	4	N. Y. S. & W	12	14
4s, r., 1925	121	122	D., S. S. & A. pf	4½	5½	N. Y. S. & W. pf	28	32
4s, c., 1925	121	125	Eastern Elevator	63	N	Norfolk & W	62	66
5s, r., 1904	111¾	112¼	Eighth Avenue	300	320	Norfolk Bo	62	66
5s, c., 1904	111½	112½	Erie 2d pf	16¾	17¾	Nor. & West	12¾	15
Currency 6s, 1899	103	..	Ev. & T. H	19	22	Ont. Mining	3	5
Cherokee 4s, 1899	100	..	Ev. & T. H. pf	38	42	Oregon Imp., all in. paid	27	28½
Dist. Col. 3-65s	116	..	Flint & P. M	11½	13¾	Ore. R. & N	45	49
			Ft. W. & R. G	10	15	Ore. S. L	27	31
Adams Express	100	104	Gt. Nor. pf	147	154	Penn. Coal	325	..
Alb. & Sus	180	..	Green Bay & W	30	40	Peo., Dec. & Ev	1	1¼
American Coal	100	140	Homestake	42	..	Peo. & Eastern	4	7
Am. Cotton Oil	16½	17½	Ill. Cent. 1.	91	98	Pleasant Valley Coal	1	..
Am. Dist. Tel	..	23	Ill. Steel Co	45	55	Quicksilver	1¾	2
Am. Express	120	127	Ind., Ill. & Iowa	..	25	Quicksilver pf	5	7
Ann Arbor	12	18	Iowa Central pf	27	30	Reading 2d pf	20¾	21
Ann Arbor pf	35	38	Joliet & Chicago	160	..	Rens. & Saratoga	180	..
Boston A. L., pf	102	105	K. C., F. S. & G	19	20	Rio Grande Western	115	120
Brunswick Co., 3d in. paid	4	5	Kanawha & Mich	3	6	R., W. & O	117¼	120
Buff., R. & P	20	30½	Keokuk & D. M	12	15	St. Jo. & Gr. Isl.	5¾	7
Buff., R. & P. pf	50	65	Keokuk & West	32	35	St. Jo. & Gr. Isl. pf	..	..
Central Pacific	12	13	Kingston & Pem	1	10	St. L. S. W	4	5
Chi. & Alton	153½	160	Lacleda Gas pf	84	90	St. L. S. W. pf	9	10
Chi. & Alton pf	166	..	L. E. & W	13¾	15¾	St. P. & Duluth	..	25
Chi. & E. Ill.	51	55	L. E. & W. pf	65	70	St. P. & O	..	90
Chi. & E. Ill. pf	104	107	Long Island	40	90	St. P. M. & M	130	136
Chi. Gt. W. pf., A	26	29	Manhattan Beach	5	7	St. P. & Omaha	69	70
Chi. Gt. W. pf., B	20	24	Md. Coal pf	45	95	St. P. & O. pf	145	150
Chi., Ind. & L	7	8	Mexican Central	4	5	Sil. bullion certfs	55¼	56¼
Chi., Ind. & L. pf	23	25	Mex. Nat. certfs	1	2	Sixth Avenue	197	210
Chi. Term. Trans	7¼	8¼	Michigan Central	104	105¼	Standard R. & T	3¾	4¼
Chi. Term. T. pf	27¼	28½	Minn. & St. L	24	25¼	Third Avenue	166	170
C., C., C. & St. L	26½	27¼	M. & St. L. 1st pf	80	82	Tol. & O. C	..	25
C., C., C. & St. L. pf	78¾	..	Minn., St. P. & S. S. M	5	..	Tol. & O. C. pf	..	45
Clev., L. & W. pf	49	51	Minn., St. P. & S. S. M. pf	14	18¾	Twin City R. T	18¼	21
Clev. & Pitts	168	..	Mo., K. & T	10¾	11¼	U. S. Leather	5¾	6¾
Col. C. & I. Dev	¼	½	Mo., K. & T. pf	35¾	37¼	U. S. Leather pf	56¾	57¼
C. C. & I. Dev. pf	2	3	Mobile & Ohio	27	29	U. S. Rubber	16	18
Col. Fuel & Iron	19	21	Morris & Essex	170	175	U. S. Rubber pf	63	67
Col. F. & I. pf	90	96	Nat. Lin. Oil	14	17	Wabash	6¾	7¾
Col., H. V. & T	5¼	6	National Starch	5¾	8	West. Chi. St. Ry	..	91¼
C., H. V. & T. pf	17	25	Nat. St. 1st pf	60	68	West. Union Beef	7¼	8¼
Com. Cable	150	180	Nat. St. 2d pf	15	30	W. & L. E. pf., $1 as. paid	..	10¾
Consol. Coal	53	..	New Cent. Coal	3¼	4	Wells-Fargo	115	118
Consol. Ice	23¼	30	N. J. & N. H	184	188	Wis. Central pf	38	39
Del., L. & W	146	..	N. Y. C. & St. L	11¾	13	Wis. Central pf	3	5
Den. & R. G	10	..						

TREASURY BALANCES.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—To-day's statement of the condition of the Treasury shows:

Available cash balance	$225,932,219
Gold reserve	175,628,686
Net silver	3,958,686
United States notes in the Treasury	8,258,663
Treasury notes of 1890	2,568,790
Total receipts this day	712,848
Total receipts this month	4,653,590
Total receipts this year	211,670,308
Total expenditures this day	1,454,000
Total expenditures this month	4,456,000
Total expenditures this year	206,836,270
Deposits in National Banks	$1,294,089
National bank notes received for redemption	124,623
National bank notes issued	1,000,245
National bank notes outstanding	208,000,245
Fractional silver coin	16,000,000
Fractional currency	6,000,000

NEW CORPORATIONS.

Great American Five and Ten Cent Store Company of New York City, to deal in merchandise of all kinds; capital, $10,000. Directors—Michael Levi, P. A. Siegelstein, and Asher Holtz, Manhattan.

Delaware River Construction Company of New York City, to perform general construction work; capital, $10,000. Directors—F. S. Little and Herbert R. Smith, Brooklyn; Louis H. Smith, A. E. Lothbridge, and A. A. Smith, Manhattan.

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CONSOLIDATED EXCHANGE.

STOCKS.

Sales.		Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
47,000	Am. Sug. Refs.	115¾	115¾	115¾	115¾
400	Am. So. Mfg.	5¾	5¾	5¾	5¾
50	Am. Tobacco	101¾	101¾	101¾	101¾
100	Bay State Gas	3¼	3¼	3¼	3¼
100	Brook. R. T.	36¾	36¾	36¾	36¾
10,280	Chi. Bur. & Q.	92¾	93¼	91¾	91¾
19,810	Chi., M. & St. P.	89¾	89¾	89¾	89¾
5,690	Chi., R. I. & P.	86¾	86¾	85¾	85¾
100	Cent. of N. J.	92	92	92	92
100	Chi. Electric	35¾	35¾	35¾	35¾
650	Louis. & Nash.	49¾	50¼	48¾	49¾
2,650	Manhattan	97¾	97¾	96¾	96¾
110	Mo. Pacific	20¾	20¾	20	20¾
170	N. Y. Central	111	111	109¾	109¾
180	Nor. Pacific	23¼	23¼	23¼	23¼
200	Nor. Pacific pf.	62¾	62¾	61¾	61¾
140	People's Gas	91¾	91¾	90¾	91¾
20	Southern pf.	26¾	26¾	26¾	26¾
130	Tenn. C. & I.	20	20	20	20
10	Union Pacific	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾
880	Union Pacific pf.	52¾	53¾	51¾	52¾
20	Western Union	85¾	85¾	85¾	85¾
$4,190					

BONDS.

Sales.		Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
$7,000	A. T. & S. F. Adj.	58¼	58¼	57¾	57¾
10,000	Mo. K. & T. 2d	60	60	60	60
5,000	Nor. Pacific 3s	59	59	59	59
3,000	Or. Imp. 5s	55¾	55¾	55¾	55¾
9,000	Stock Isl. 5s, c.	107	107	106¾	106¾
2,000	Rio G. W. 4s	80	80	80	80
25,000	Tex. Pac 2d	33	33	31	31
12,000	Wabash 1st	107½	107½	106¾	106¾
$71,000					

PHILADELPHIA PRICES.

PHILADELPHIA, April 5.—The local market held up pretty fair until the last hour, when there was some selling on the report that Consul General Lee and other Americans at Havana were to be taken off in one of the United States boats. Stock which has been bought recently is said to have been for account of persons who are able to hold. Philadelphia Traction sold down to 78¾, Union Traction to 15, and Electric and People's 4s to 70¾. Consolidated Traction of New Jersey rose 1 per cent., to 45. Rochester Street Railway was weak, and fell from 18 to 16. The miscellaneous group of stocks was dull, but somewhat lower. United Gas Improvement on light sales sold down to 103¼, rallying later to 104, and Welsbach fell off fractionally. Marsden was easier. In the steam railroad stocks Choctaw preferred was the most active, and on bear attacks it fell from 31¾ to 30¾. Lehigh Valley was slightly lower, as was also Pennsylvania. During the last half hour the market became unsettled, and the lowest prices of the day were reached. There was no support apparent, and the selling was in small lots.

The money market has stiffened. To-day call money was unobtainable below 5 per cent., while 6 was demanded and got for time money.

Closing bid and asked prices:

Lehigh Valley	21½
Northern Pacific com.	22¾
Northern Pacific pf.	61¾
Pennsylvania	56¼
Reading 1st c.	8 7-16
Reading 1st pf.	19 15-16
Reading 2d pf.	10¾
St. Paul	89
W. N. Y. & P.	8
Metropolitan Railway	137
Philadelphia Traction	78¾
Baltimore Traction	22¾
Union Traction	15
Electric Storage	20
Electric Storage pf.	37
United Gas Imp.	103¾
Welsbach Light	43½
New Jersey Traction	44
American R. E. L.	3¾
Marsden	6¼
Choctaw	30¾
Choctaw pf.	80
Reading G. 4s	80
Electric & P. 4s	79¾
Equitable G. L. 5s	102¾
Cons. T. Phila.	13¾
Cons. T. Phila. pf.	46¾

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

New York City.

JOHN S. SILVER.—Judgment for $21,274 was entered yesterday against John S. Silver of 39 Cortlandt Street in favor of John Paton & Co. on three notes made by Mr. Silver for $5,200 each, dated March 21, 1892, payable in six, nine, and twelve months, which were not paid.

ELWOOD S. HAND.—W. H. Ricketts has been appointed receiver in supplementary proceedings for Elwood S. Hand, publisher of advertising mediums at 53 East Tenth Street, on the application of the Commercial National Bank of Chicago, which obtained a judgment against him here on Dec. 29 last for $1,790, by Justice Freedman of the Supreme Court. In the examination it was disclosed that Mr. Hand has assigned contracts to the amount of $33,000 to various parties.

J. STETTHEIMER & Co., &c.—Seventeen judgments, aggregating $377,819, were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday in connection with the failure of J. Stettheimer & Co. and Stettheimer & Bettman, bankers and oil producers, of 18 Broadway. The judgments were against David Bettman, Marcus A. Bettman, and Henrietta B. Stettheimer, and were principally for borrowed money. The total liabilities of the several firms, it is stated, will exceed $1,000,000.

A. BRILL & Co.—Abraham Brill, doing business as A. Brill & Co., dealer in dry goods at 725 and 727 Sixth Avenue, 1,408 to 1,407 Broadway, and 1,420 Third Avenue, made an assignment yesterday to Louis H. Bronner, giving preference to Morris D. Bronner for $19,685 borrowed money. Mr. Brill was formerly in the employ of A. T. Stewart & Co., and started in business for himself in 1882; has had several partners since then, and has been alone since February, 1894. Samuel D. Levy, his attorney, said that the assignment was caused by unfounded rumors having been circulated about his financial condition and a creditor taking out a writ of replevin. The liabilities are $60,000, nominal assets $70,000, and actual assets $55,000. The Sheriff received seven writs of replevin yesterday from creditors aggregating $4,115.

Out of Town.

WOLFF BROTHERS MANUFACTURING COMPANY.—The Wolff Brothers Manufacturing Company of Chicago, manufacturers of sashes, doors, and blinds, assigned Monday. Liabilities, $70,000; assets, slightly larger.

GEORGE PEIRSOL & Co.—Deputy Sheriff Sullivan received an attachment for $5,311 yesterday against George Peirsol & Co. of Philadelphia in favor of the Ninth National Bank of Philadelphia on a judgment obtained against the firm in Philadelphia on Monday.

JOSHUA BAKER & Co.—Frank Harrington and Charles Morrison of the Faneuil Hall National Bank have been appointed receivers for the firm of Joshua Baker & Co., one of the oldest ship chandlery houses in Boston. The petition for the receivership was made by Mr. Harrington, and this action is considered necessary to avoid attachments or other actions by creditors. Joshua Baker has been attached by the Shawmut National Bank for $40,000 in Middlesex County and for $80,000 in Barnstable County.

Judgments.

The following judgments were filed yesterday, the first name being that of the debtor:

BAKER, Charles, and Adolph Weiss—The People, &c. $00
BERRIE, Joseph—Miller and another. 257
BERNACHI, Malinda, and Solomon Steckel—The People, &c. 500
BETTMAN, David and Marcus A., and Henrietta B. Stettheimer—Rose Stettheimer 7,762
BETTMAN, David and Marcus A. and Henrietta B. Stettheimer—Lavinia Newman 36,317
BETTMAN, David and Marcus A. and Henrietta B. Stettheimer—Rhoda Bernheimer 30,453
BETTMAN, David and Marcus A. and Henrietta B. Stettheimer—Marie Mann. 11,510
BETTMAN, David and Marcus A. and Henrietta B. Stettheimer—Hannah Bertlitzheimer 21,519
BETTMAN, David and Marcus A. and Henrietta B. Stettheimer—Sara Maas. 27,749
BETTMAN, David and Marcus A. and Henrietta B. Stettheimer—Gertie Hafelier 4,658
BETTMAN, David and Marcus A. and Henrietta B. Stettheimer—Lavinia Louis 18,187
BETTMAN, David and Marcus A. and Henrietta B. Stettheimer—Sieg. Stettheimer 17,386
BETTMAN, David, and Henrietta B. Stettheimer—Max Drey and another, executors 2,226
BETTMAN, David, and Henrietta B. Stettheimer, individually and as co-partners F. Rubin, executrix 36,930
BETTMAN, David, and Henrietta B. Stettheimer, individually and as co-partners F. Rubin, executrix 18,959
BETTMAN, Marcus A.—F. Rubin, executrix 18,959
BETTMAN, Marcus A.—F. Rubin, executrix 38,745
BETTMAN, Marcus A. and David—F. Rubin, executrix, in estimating the number of square yards in fringed scarfs, the fringe should be excluded, under the provisions of Paragraph 346. 21,577
BETTMAN, Marcus A. and David—A. Bernheimer and another, executors. 23,519
BICKERTON, Joseph P.—A. Gruber and another 454
BRAUER, John—The Jacob Hoffmann Brewing Company 1,165
BRIX, Charles—J. W. Morgan and another 384
BRISTOL, John I. D., and Arthur H. Moody, alias Blair Moody—The People, &c. 1,000
BROADBELT, William—Leopold Friess. 2,019
BROUNES, Arthur—Real Estate Record Association 64
BUND, Peter—Schwarzenbild & Buissing Company 161
BUNKER, Lucy E.—Edward J. Rand 1,323
CAMPBELL, Daniel—F. J. McConnell 74
CARR, Maude, and Louise Vandervoort—The People, &c. 300
CHADWICK, Anna—H. Solomon 84
COOPER, Anna—A. C. C. Hays 83
CORGROVE, James R.—P. Coppola, administrator, deceased 150
CUMMIE, Edward F.—I. Starr and others. 81
DAVIS, Mary—Ellen A. Haulenbeek 349
DAVENPORT, Frank, and Louise Venturfort—The People, &c. 300
EDWARDS, Hattie L.—Samuel F. Miller. 127
ENGELHARDT, Christian—E. Engelhardt 90
FRANKENSTEIN, Simon—C. Haase 214
GOODSTEIN, Abram, and Mary Jones—The People, &c. 200
GRAY, Frank S.—S. P. Hatch 144
GORHAM, Fred—W. A. Wright 153
GUARALDI, Charles, and Antonio Privato—W. H. Wieting 227
HOST, Sarah—A. Moran 106
HEINRICHS, Ernest—C. Imme 64
HAYES, Edward—R. B. Roe 274
HILLEBRAND, Henry—F. Schmidt 290
HAMMER, Martin, and George W. Sauer—The People, &c. 500
HICKOK, William P.—E. J. Coffey 47
JENKINS, George—S. Wolf and others. 416
JAFFE, Julius, and Edward B. Schirmer—The People, &c. 1,500
KAPPENBERG, Henry—The Jacob Hoffmann Brewing Company 162
KNEVALS, Sherman W.—assignee—G. M. Randall and others 135
KILLER, Anna and George—W. Endemann and others 258
KORNBERG, David—J. F. Bate 215
KLOGANON, William—T. F. Seitz 179
KAHN, Louis—L. J. Bonifacz 411
KOLMER, Leon, and Charles Schwitkes—M. Saits 810
KAMELER, Julius—M. Feres and another 300
LIPANSKY, Barnett—United Dressed Beef Company of New York 182
LEVY, Joseph and Lena—S. A. Horowits. 62
LIELA, Antonie—J. F. Heitmanck 220
MIKOL, Regina P.—J. Mikols 50
MAYER, William—H. Hollander 72
MAHON, Bernard—J. Bernstein 21
MULLER, John H., and Charles Zimmerman—Endemann and others 29
McDOWNELL, Michael—H. Hollander 117
McCOMB, James, Jr.—S. Fisher 8,376
McLEANEY, Philip, and Charles Lukins—The People, &c. 200
MARTIN, Joseph—H. J. Montgomery 75
POTTER, Eugene C.—E. Nicholson 158
PIAGET, Henry V.—J. L. Barclay 364
RICHHEIMER, Emanuel—E. H. Gato Circular Company 96
ROPE LUMBER

THE REAL ESTATE FIELD

Seventh Street Property Traded for Up-town Apartments—Hunting-ton Tract at Auction—Other Dealings.

M. & L. Hess have consummated a deal, involving about $175,000, by which Henry Strauch will convey to a builder the four-story building 48 West Fifteenth Street, 25 by 103, taking in exchange three up-town apartment houses. The new building, which will be erected on the Fifteenth Street plot by the purchaser, has already been leased for the same firm to one tenant for a term of years.

Shawson & Hobbs have sold for Imogene Starr the lot on the south side of Ninety-ninth Street, 225 feet east of Columbus Avenue.

E. H. Ludlow & Co. have sold for Mrs. A. A. Low the four-story brick dwelling 25 West Tenth Street, 25 by 94.11.

Hiram Rinaldo & Brother have sold for A. Levine to Fay & Stacom the old four-story building 78 Catharine Street, 25.6 by 103. The buyers will erect modern tenements on this plot and on No. 80, recently purchased by them.

Layton & Rogers have sold for William Hall the three-story dwelling 475 West One Hundred and Forty-second Street, 18 by 100, the last of a row of four recently completed.

Mrs. Fritz Bachman has sold, for $10,000, the three-story frame dwelling 1,185 Fulton Avenue, on a plot 69 by 192 by 74 by 184.

The Ernst-Marx-Nathan Company has sold to Louis Goldsmith the four-story dwelling 466 West One Hundred and Forty-fifth Street, 17.8 by 100.

It is reported that Henry T. Gray has sold, for about $30,000, the three-story brown-stone-front dwelling 148 West Eighty-fifth Street, 25.2 by 55 by 100.

In the face of most adverse circumstances, Peter F. Meyer conducted the sale of the Huntington tract in the Trinity Building Salesroom yesterday. This property was purchased by Henry Morgenthau and his associates last Fall, and under normal conditions, the quality of the offering would almost have assured the success of yesterday's sale. The crowd was not lacking, but it was far from an enthusiastic gathering, and after a few of the more desirable lots had been struck down the auctioneer had plenty of time to dwell upon the features of the property between bids. In all, 61 lots out of the announced offering of 156 were actually sold for a total of $190,600, after which the owners, feeling that the prices did not justify a continuance of the sale, ordered an adjournment sine die. It was stated yesterday that another trial will not be given the property at auction, but that it will be disposed of at private contract. The details of the sale follow:

To Peter J. Moran, for $11,300, the lot northeast corner of St. Ann's Avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street, 25 by 100 by 27.9 by 100.3; also, to L. Prendergast, for $6,000, the lot adjoining on the north side of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street, 25 by 100; also, to George F. Johnson, for $5,975 each, two lots adjoining on the north side of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street; also, to L. J. Phillips, for $7,400, the lot southeast corner of One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Street and St. Ann's Avenue, 25 by 102.9; also, to John H. Scully, for $2,875 each, two lots, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Street, south side, 102 feet east of St. Ann's Avenue, each 25 by 100; also, to H. Burke, for $2,750 each, four lots adjoining the foregoing on the east; also, to L. J. Phillips, for $7,400, the lot northeast corner of One Hundred and Thirty-nin's Street and St. Ann's Avenue, 25 by 100; also, to Philip A. Smyth, for $2,575 each, two lots on One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Street, north side, 125 feet east of St. Ann's Avenue, each 25 by 100; also, to J. Entwistle, for $2,250, the lot, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Street, north side, 225 feet east of St. Ann's Avenue, 25 by 100; also, to William Rankin, for $2,050 each, six lots adjoining the foregoing on the east; also, to the same buyer, for $1,975 each, two lots adjoining the foregoing on the east; also, to the same buyer, for $1,825 each, ten lots on the south side of One Hundred and Fortieth Street, beginning 200 feet east of St. Ann's Avenue; also, to the same buyer, for $1,850 each, eight lots adjoining the foregoing on the east.

W. C. Oesting bought the block front on the east side of St. Ann's Avenue between One Hundred and Fortieth and One Hundred and Forty-first Streets, paying $30,000 for the southerly four lots and $21,000 for the northerly four. The same buyer also took the plot, 100 by 95, on the south side of One Hundred and Forty-first Street, adjoining the corner, for $12,000. Jacob Herb paid $10,500 for four lots on the north side of One Hundred and Fortieth Street, 100 feet east of St. Ann's Avenue, and for four lots adjoining on the east Cunningham & Kearns gave $9,600.

While the sale was in progress Mr. Meyer took occasion to announce that the sale of 501 lots located in the Thirtieth Ward of Brooklyn, announced by him for Thursday, had been indefinitely adjourned.

In the same salesroom, George R. Read sold, at assignee's sale, to the assignee, Elihu B. Frost, for $8,250, the plot, Rider Avenue, west side, extending through to the Mott Haven Canal, 305 feet north of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street, 75 by 100.

Philip A. Smyth sold, in foreclosure, to the plaintiff, Margaret O'Neil, for $4,000, the plot Stebbins Avenue, east side, 263.9 feet south of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth Street, 50 by 80.

Bryan L. Kennelly sold, in partition, to James McCormick, for $19,000, the five-story stone-front flat 312 West One Hundred and Seventeenth Street, 26.3 by 100.11.

William Kennelly sold, in foreclosure, to the plaintiff, Charles P. Faber, for $16,500, the four-story brick tenement, 529 East One Hundred and Forty-ninth Street, 25 by 100; also, in foreclosure, to John A. Chambers, for $36,750, the two five-story brick tenements, with stores, 2,009 and 2,101 Eighth Avenue, each 31.6 by 100; also, in foreclosure, to the plaintiff, William Man, trustee, for $44,000, the two two-story brick and frame tenements, with stores, 294 and 294½ Grand Street, together with the five-story stone-front tenement, with store, 296 Grand Street, on plot 50 by 87.6; also, at public auction, to Thomas H. Reilly, for $32,000, the four-story limestone-front dwelling, 122 West Seventy-fourth Street, 20 by 102.2.

Richard V. Harnett & Co. sold, in foreclosure, to the plaintiff, John T. Willetts, guardian, for $35,000, the five-story brick flat, 138 and 140 One Hundredth Street, 38 by 100.11; also, in foreclosure, to Jenny E. Heller, for $18,000, the four-story brick flat, 696 East One Hundred and Forty-sixth Street, 25 by 100.

Thompson & Pryor sold, in foreclosure, to the plaintiff, Gilbert M. Speir, for $20,625, the five-story stone-front dwelling, 466 West Twenty-third Street, 22 by 98.9.

Charles A. Berrian sold, in foreclosure, to the plaintiff, John H. Pell, trustee, for $20,000, the five-story brick tenement, with stores, 1,760 Third Avenue, 25.3 by 100.

To-day's Auction Sales.

The following sales at auction are down for to-day at 111 Broadway:

By Bryan L. Kennelly & Co., foreclosure sale, Sylvester L. H. Ward, referee, 208 West One Hundred and Twenty-first Street, south side, 125 feet west of Seventh Avenue, 18 by 100.11, three-story stone-front dwelling. Due on judgment, $7,526.

By Peter F. Meyer & Co., foreclosure sale, Daniel P. Ingraham, referee, 318 and 320 West Ninety-first Street, south side, 250 feet west of West End Avenue, 40 by 100.8, two four-story brick dwellings. Due on judgment, $18,647; subject to other mortgages for $40,000.

By Peter F. Meyer & Co., foreclosure sale, Francis B. Delehanty, referee, Suburban Street, north corner of Hull Avenue, 78 by 118 by 48 by 121.9, vacant. Due on judgment, $10,783.

By Thompson & Pryor, foreclosure sale, Samuel B. Paul, referee, Ninety-eighth Street, south side, 215 feet west of First Avenue, 80 by 100.11, one-story frame buildings and vacant. Due on judgment, $6,056.

By Thompson & Pryor, foreclosure sale, Norman T. M. Melliss, referee, 27 West One Hundred and Thirty-second Street, north side, 200 feet west of Fifth Avenue, 17.6 by 99.11, three-story brick dwelling. Due on judgment, $6,544.

By William W. Fogg, sale by order of the Surrogate, 3,223, 3,225, and 3,227 Third Avenue, northwest side, 51.4 feet southwest of One Hundred and Sixty-third Street, 73.10 by 98.5 by 74 by 97.11, three four-story brick flats.

THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

List of Plans Filed for New Structures and Alterations.

One Hundred and Sixth Street, southwest corner of West End Avenue, for two seven-story brick flats, 50.11 by 95 and 50 by 88.4; Daily & Carlson of 1,742 Amsterdam Avenue, owners; Neville & Bagge of 217 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street, architects; cost, $175,000.

Seventy-sixth Street, south side, 275 feet west of Central Park West, for four five-story brick dwellings, 25 by irregular; James Carlew of 17 West One Hundred and Twenty-second Street, owner; Cleverdon & Putzel of 42 Union Square West, architects; cost, $140,000.

No. 129 East Twenty-third Street, for a factory brick dwelling, 25 by 19; Sarah E. Tibby of Boston, Mass., owner; Lamb & Rich, architects; cost, $1,000.

No. 241 West Twenty-ninth Street, for a five-story brick flat, 23.3 by 85.1; J. D. Kaist, Jr., of 2,051 Eighth Avenue, owner; Louis Korn of 37 Malden Lane, architect; cost, $20,000.

One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Street, south side, 150 feet west of Third Avenue, for a one-and-a-half-story frame stable and shed, 16 by 24 and 41 by 18; George Hoepfer, owner; L. E. Vaneak, architect; cost, $500.

New Dock Road, south side, for a one-story frame store, 25 by 50; B. G. Gallagher, owner; William Stauffer, architect; cost, $600.

One Hundred and Seventy-eighth Street, south side, 72 feet east of Daly Avenue, for two two-story frame dwellings, 12.6 by 61; C. Wilcox of 1,192 East One Hundred and Seventy-eighth Street, owner; W. Wilcox, architect; cost, $6,000.

Alterations.

No. 426 East Twenty-third Street, to a four-story and basement brick office building; Sarah E. Tibby of Boston, Mass., owner; Lamb & Rich, architects; cost, $3,200.

No. 531 East Eleventh Street, to a five-story brick tenement and shop; Dennis Hayes of 340 East Fifteenth Street, owner; James W. Cole of 403 West Fifty-first Street, architect; cost, $750.

No. 950 East One Hundred and Forty-ninth Street, to a two-story frame dwelling, with store; Mrs. Ellen McKenna, premises, owner; C. F. Lohse, architect; cost, $500.

Recorded Real Estate Transfers.

Tuesday, April 5.

AMSTERDAM AV, w s, 265.10 ft s of 165th St, 189.10x100; Jacob D. Butler to Charles Kervan..... 74,200

BARRETTO ST, e s, 250 ft n of Home St, 25x100; Bertha Eymer and another to Gregorio Di Lorenzo..... 10

CHERRY ST, 307, and Water St, 552; Mary W. R. Briggs to Thomas Sowarby. 1

CHRYSTIE ST, 20, 25x100.6; Fernando Baltes, as executor, to Joseph P. Slater. 15,000

CHRYSTIE ST, 20, 20x100.6; William G. Choate, referee, to Joseph P. Slater..... 30,900

CROTONA AV, n w s, 100 ft n of 187th St, 25x100; August Eder and wife to William Suk..... 700

EAST HALF of Lot 684, map of village of Wakefield, 50x114; Robert D. Patterson to Kate T. Bartram..... 2,000

GREAT JONES ST, 50, 25.8x100; Sophia Mayer to Leopold Kaufmann..... 100

HENRY ST, n s, Lot 217, map of Hendrik Rutgers, 25x100; Julius Goldman, as substrustee, to Isidore Jackson..... 21,000

HENRY ST, n s, Lot 217, map of Hendrik Rutgers, 25x100; Isidore Jackson and wife to William Feinberg..... 1

JAMES ST, 54, 56, and 58; Jonas Weil and others to Leopold Kaufmann..... 100

JAMES ST, 54, 56, and 58; Leopold Kaufmann and wife to Jonas Weil and another..... 100

LEGGETT AV, s s, 225 ft e of Prospect Av, 19.1x70.10x21.6x37.8; Frederick McCarthy and John W. Deuel..... 5,750

LOT 120, map of Unionport; John E. McNeill, Jr., to Regina Munster..... 2,500

LOTS 74, 75, and 82, map of Charles A. Stadler; Sarah Hassard to Robert H. Hassard..... 1

MANGIN ST, w s, 71.1 ft s of Stanton St, 50x100; Richard C. Voth and wife to Eugene C. Potter..... 1

PLOT IN NINTH WARD at centre of old White Plains Road, being the lands of Mrs. Bussing, contains 25 50-100 acres; Edwin B. Stanton to Francis Crawford..... 1

PLOT in 24th Ward at centre of old White Plains Road, contains 25 50-100 acres; Oscar V. Pitman and wife to Edwin B. Stanton..... 104,000

UNDERCLIFF AV, w s, 156.5 ft s w from e corner Lot 39, 25x139.5x29.11x126.11; Ephraim B. Levy to Townsend Wandell. 100

WATER ST, 390 and 390½, n s, 20.6x80.2x 20.4x60.2; Bernard Golden to Margaret Foley..... 9,100

WEST END AV, 357, w s, 16.4x83.2; Emma K. Ball to Arthur M. Rose..... 25,000

1ST AV, n w corner of 82d St, 44.1x100x 39.3x100; William G. Choate, referee, to Jacob Schlosser..... 33,100

1ST AV, n w corner of 82d St, 44.1x100x 39.3x100; Fernando Baltes, as executor, to Jacob Schlosser..... 15,000

1ST AV, n w corner of 82d St, 44.1x100x 39.3x100; Jacob Schlosser and wife to Berent C. Gerken..... 1

2D AV, 490, e s, 24.8x100; Louis W. G. Rooner and others to Wilhelmina C. Rooner..... 10

3D AV, w s, 145.9 ft s of 165th St, 1.8x 125.3; Margaret Mulhall to Theodor Ebeling..... 650

3D AV, w s, 120.5 ft s of 165th St, 23.10x 120.5x23.8x123; Marcus Nathan and wife to Mary Schaefer..... 100

6TH AV, n s, e ½ of Lot 684, map of Wakefield, 50x114; Kate C. Bartram to Maggie D. Patterson..... 2,000

8TH AV, 2,700, 25x100; Emilie Bien to Belle H. Belmont..... 1

8TH AV, 754 and 756, e s, 50x100; James J. Buckley to Cornelius T. Sheehan..... 1

8TH AV, n e corner of 152d St, 49.11x 100; Julius E. Stelber and wife to Jacob Batchener..... 1

9TH AV, 721 and 723, n w corner of 29th St, 39.3x89.6; Frederick W. Halle and wife to Rebecca G. Rosenberg..... 10,000

SD ST, s s, part of Lot 15, map of Samuel Flickett; 22.7x106; Ned Strouse to Morris Solomon..... 1

14TH ST, n s, 209 ft w of 2d Av, 26x108.8; Jacob A. Cantor, referee, to the Mutual Bank of the City of New York..... 30,300

29TH ST, s s, 210 ft e of 3d Av, 26x 98.8; Clifford W. Hartridge, referee, to Elias Kempner..... 3,000

36TH ST, s s, 100 ft e of 2d Av, 18.9x98.9; William A. Graham and wife to Elisabeth Graham..... 1

39TH ST, 16 West, 22x98.9; William H. Jacob and wife to John S. Weatherley.. 100

39TH ST, s s, 259 ft w of 5th Av, 22x 98.9; Frank L. Hall and others to William H. Jacob..... 1

41ST ST, n s, 170 ft e of 2d Av, 20x98.9; the J. Chr. G. Huptel Brewing Company to Moritz Berlinger..... 10,000

44TH ST, 155 ft e of Lexington Av, 15x 100.5; Loretto Marren and others to Anna M. Gaffney..... 1

46TH ST, s s, 490 ft e of 8th Av, 17.10 x100.5; Richard C. Voth and wife to Eugene C. Potter..... 1

46TH ST, n s, 118.9 ft w of 9th Av, 18.9x 100.5; Rachel Brown to Marcellus Hartley..... 12,500

48TH ST, 138 West, 20x100.5; Arthur I. Stonehill and others to Edward Ashforth..... 1

49TH ST, n s, 168.9 ft w of 1st Av, 18.9 x100.6; Herman W. Keingood, referee, to Charles Seligman and another..... 9,000

61ST ST, 324 East; Joseph Robetscher and wife to Gustave Setzer..... 1

64TH ST, s s, 106 ft e of 1st Av, 25x 100.5x irregular; Herman Friedman and wife to Celia Moerowitz..... 1

76TH ST, n s, 298 ft e of 5th Av, 22.6x 85x irregular; William W. Hall and wife to Emma S. Gerrish..... 1

88TH ST, n s, 285 ft e of 3d Av, 25x100.8; William A. Graham and wife to Elisabeth Graham..... 1

88TH ST, n s, 127.9 ft e of 5th Av, 153.4x 201.5 to 86th St; August Oppenheimer and wife to Frederick Potter and another, trustees..... Exch.

109TH ST, s s, 275 ft e of Amsterdam Av, 125x100.11; Richard C. Voth and wife to Eugene C. Potter..... 1

101ST ST, 102 to 108 East; Thomas W. Timpson and wife to Letitia M. Striker. 1

117TH ST, s s, 231.3 ft w of 2d Av, 18.9x 100.11; James Roche and wife to Carrie Prok..... 1

104TH ST, s s, 200 ft e of 2d Av, 25x 100.11; Frederick Bohn and wife to Sampson Rubenstein..... 1

111TH ST, s s, 168.9 ft w of St. Nicholas Av, 17x100.11; Clifford W. Hartridge, referee, to the Havens Relief Fund Society..... 10,000

111TH ST, s s, 133.9 ft w of St. Nicholas Av, 18x100.11; George L. Nichols, referee, to the Havens Relief Fund Society. 10,000

113TH ST, n s, 379 ft e of Lenox Av, 18x 100.11; Mary G. Mulqueen to Anna Goldman..... 1

113TH ST, n s, 75 ft w of Park Av, 25x 100.11; Osias Karp and wife to Mali Bach..... 900, &c.

115TH ST, s s, 245 ft e of 5th Av, 50x 100.11; John H. Kearns to William L. B. Larkin..... 100

117TH ST, n s, 110 ft e of 5th Av, 100x ½ block; Henry I. Beers and wife to Ella J. Breckenridge..... 1

117TH ST, 219 East, 16.8x100.10; Simon Elstner and wife to Paul Bernhardt.... 8,500

118TH ST, s s, 160 ft e of 5th Av, 100x ½ block; Henry I. Beers and wife to Ella J. Breckenridge..... 1

118TH ST, s s, 159 ft w of Lenox Av, 16x 100.11; Annie McReynolds to Helen Pettigrew..... 10

120TH ST, 231 West, 16.8x100.11; Edward G. Whittaker, referee, to Arnold H. Wagner and others, executors, &c..... 9,700

124TH ST, 409 East, 25x100.11; Sarah Smith to Yache Levinson..... 1

125TH ST, s s, 200 ft w of Amsterdam Av, 200x201.10 to 124th St; Richard C. Voth and wife to Eugene C. Potter..... 1

128D ST, 262 West, 16.8x100; Emilie Bein to Belle H. Bein..... 1

136TH ST, n s, 100 ft e of St. Ann's Av, 100x100; Bertha Engelhardt, Jr., to Mary Kaiser..... 1

136TH ST, n s, 206.4 ft w of Lenox Av, 16.8x99.11; Clifford W. Hartridge, referee, to William Rawling..... 1

137TH ST, 635 East, 25x100; Sarah Hassard to Robert H. Hassard..... 1

142D ST, n s, 180 ft e of Amsterdam Av, 170 ft to Convent Av x n 199.10 to 143d St x w 170x s 199.10 to beginning; Frederick Potter and Clarence H. Kelsey, trustees, to August Oppenheimer..... Exch.

148TH ST, s s, 350 ft w of Public Drive, 150x99.11; James R. Cuming and wife to Joseph E. Weed..... 1

149TH ST, s s, 350 ft w of Public Drive, 150x99.11; Joseph E. Weed to Louis Levy..... 1

149TH ST, n s, 225.3 ft e of old Morris Av, 25x100; Charles D. Burrill, referee, to Charles L. Fisher..... 2,000

151ST ST, s s, 550 ft e of Amsterdam Av, 94.10x102.2x116.6x99.11; Claude W. Mick to Moille D. McAllister..... Exchange

Recorded Leases.

BANMAN, Ferd. C., to Joseph Foerst; 114 to 118 Manhattan St, 5 years..... 900

DE MURCO, Celestino, to Antonio Giglia and another; 450 East 118th St, 5 years. 360

GLASS, John, Jr., to Siegel-Cooper & Co.; 121 to 125 West 17th St, 216 to 218 West 18th St, 10 years..... 12,000

HAWKINS, Ann, widow, and others, to Annie Maloney and another; 457 Hudson St, 5 years..... 1,800

KOCH, Frank, to Frank Genchio; 1,760 East 11th St, 5 years..... 1,200

LARKIN, John, to Cassell & Co., Limited; 7 and 9 West 18th St, 7 ½ years..... 22,000

LEONARD, Terance, to Patrick McNulty; 8th Av, 781, 7 years..... 1,600

MAPLEADEN, Ann, to Mali Bach; House 108 St, n s, Lot 15 map of Augustus Wynkoop, 10 years..... 312

O'NEILL, Henry, to George Amend; 2,416 8th Av, 2 years..... 1,000

RENWICK, James A., and another, trustees, to Samuel Down and another; 734 Columbus Av, 3 years..... 1,800

SCHNEIDER, Frederick W., executor, to L. Sasse & Co.; Lenox Av, s e corner of 126th St, 5 years..... 21,900 2,000

WHITNEY, Elias J., to Giovanni Cadarelli; 420 East 124th St, 5 years..... 1,200

WINDOLPH, Kunigurda, to William Knoerser; 544 West 127th St, 3 years, $900 1,200

Recorded Mortgages.

BECHMANN, George and Caroline, to Sumner R. Stone and another, trustees; e s of Jackson Av, 78.10 ft s of 166th St, 80x77.6, four mortgages, 3 years..... 16,000

BELSERY, Kate M. P., to Margaret Inglis; 254 West 54th St, 5 years..... 22,000

BERLINGER, Morits, to the J. C. G. Huptel Brewing Company; n s of 41st St, 170 ft e of 2d Av, 4 years..... 2,000

BERNHARDT, Paul, to Simon Ehemer; n s of 117th St, 233.4 ft e of 3d Av, 5 years..... 6,000

BRANDT, Frederick H., to Catharine T. Smith; e s of Perry Av, 300 ft s of Sooth Av, 5 years..... 5,000

BRECKENRIDGE, Ella J. and Robert, to Ann L. Brown; n s of 117th St, 150 ft e of 5th Av, 3 years..... 12,000

BRECKENRIDGE, Ella J. and Robert, to Ann L. Brown; n s of 117th St, 150 ft e of 5th Av, 3 years..... 6,000

BRECKENRIDGE, Ella J. and Robert, to Imogene Hart; e s of 117th St, 150 ft e of 5th Av, 3 years..... 24,000

BRECKENRIDGE, Ella J. and Robert, to Marianna C. Cobb; n s of 117th St, 185 ft w of 5th Av, 3 years..... 6,000

CAMPBELL, Bernard, and wife to Henry Lorens; Lots 11 and 12, map of the villa sites of Green, Owens & Gilston, at Throgg's Neck, 1 year..... 100

DI LORENZO, Gregorio, to S. Louise and Kate S. Stevenson; e s of Jarrett St, 250 ft n of Home St, 3 years..... 700

DOWN, Samuel, and Harry Hegelman to Bernheimer & Schmid; 734 Columbus Av, (saloon lease.) demand..... 3,500

ELLINGER, Simon, and Charles Seligmann to Bertha Strauss; n s of 49th St, 168.9 ft w of 1st Av, 5 years..... 4,000

FEINBERG, William, and Joseph Polstein to Abraham Stern and another; n s of Henry St, Lot 217, map of the estate of Hendrick Rutgers, demand..... 7,500

FINCK, Louisa A. and George, to A. Willford Hall; n s of 14th St, 7 East, ½ year..... 7,000

FOLEY, Margaret, to Bernard Golden; 390 and 390½ Water St, demand..... 4,000

GERKEN, Berent C., to Jacob Schlosser; n w corner of 1st Av and 82d St, 1 year.. 35,500

GERKEN, Berent C., to Jacob Schlosser; 1st Av, n w corner of 82d St, 1 year.. 20,000

GERSHEIM, Emma S., to the Guaranty Trust Company, &c., guardian, &c.; n s of 76th St, 298 ft e of 5th Av, 5 years..... 40,000

GERRISH, Emma S., to William W. Hall; n s of 76th St, 298 ft e of 5th Av, installments..... 16,000

GOODMAN, Isroel, and Nathan Silverson to Abraham Stern and another; 265 and 267 Madison St, 1 year..... 18,000

GOODMAN, Urry, to Pincus Lowenfeld and William Yonger; n s of 138th St, 198 Stanton St and 140 to 144 Attorney St, ½ year..... 20,000

HALL, Henry B., and wife to Elizabeth Wright; Lot 49, map of the property of the Wolfe estate, 24th Ward, 5 years.... 2,000

HALLOCK, Amy J. and Charles W., to the American Baptist Home Missionary Society; Lot 867, map of village of Wakefield, 1 year..... 4,000

HASTINGS, Mary H., and others to William H. Hastings; 206 Centre St and 140 Baxter St, 2 years..... 7,105

JACKSON, Isidore, to the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York; n s of Henry St, Lot 217, map of estate of Hendrick Rutgers, 1 year..... 14,000

JACOBS, Simon, to Charles Jackson; 6 Goerck St, demand..... 1,500

KAUFMANN, Leopold, to the New York Savings Bank; 30 Great Jones St, 5 years. 70,000

KAUFMANN, Leopold, to Bertha Alsberg and another, executors, &c.; 54 James St, 4 years..... 22,500

KAUFMANN, Leopold, to Julius Goldman, as sub-trustee, &c.; 58 James St, 4 years. 22,500

KAUFMANN, Leopold, to Julius Goldman and another, executors, &c.; 58 James St, 4 years..... 22,500

KERWAN, Charles, to Jacob D. Butler; w s of Amsterdam Av, 265.11 ft s of 166th St, 1 year..... 66,000

KERWAN, Charles, to Jacob D. Butler; w s of Amsterdam Av, 265.11 ft s of 165th St, 1 year..... 66,000

McALLISTER, Mollie O., to Claude W. Mick; s w corner of St. Nicholas Av and 151st St, 1 year..... 15,000

McALLISTER, Mollie O., to Claude W. Mick; w s of St. Nicholas Av, 31.7 ft s of 151st St, 70.6x irregular, (three mortgages,) 1 year..... 22,500

MICK, Claude W., to Alexander W. Fraser and another; w s of St. Nicholas Av, 31.7 and 55.2 ft s of 151st St, 1 month, (two mortgages)..... 1,786

MICK, Claude W., to the Jamaica Savings Bank; w s of St. Nicholas Av, 31.7 and 55.2 ft s of 151st St, 1 year, (two mortgages)..... 50,000

MICK, Claude W., to the Jamaica Savings Bank; s w corner of St. Nicholas Av and 151st St, 1 year..... 50,000

MICK, Claude W., to the Jamaica Savings Bank; w s of St. Nicholas Av, 78 ft s of 151st St, 1 year..... 25,000

MICK, Claude W., to Helvetia B. Dutcher; St. Nicholas Av, s w corner of 151st St, 1½ months..... 5,007

MUNSER, Regina, to John E. McNeil; Lot 120, map of Unionport, Westchester, 1 year..... 500

OCHS, Barbara, to Martin B. Ochs; n s of 87th St, 120 ft e of Lexington Av, 9 years..... 4,570

OSBORNE, William F., to Lewis W. Minford; n s of 44th St, 469.10 ft e of 6th Av, 2 months..... 5,000

POTTER, Frederick, and another, trustees, to August Oppenheimer; n s of 88th St, 127.9 ft e of 5th Av, 3 years..... 11,750

POTTER, Frederick, and another, trustees, to August Oppenheimer; n s of 88th St, 127.9 ft e of 5th Av, 3 years..... 11,750

PROX, Dorothea Ev, to the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank; 231 West 70th St, 1 year..... 12,500

RONNER, Wilhelmina C., to Title Guarantee and Trust Company; 490 2d Av, 5 years..... 18,000

ROSENBERG, Rebecca, and others to Francis H. Macy, trustee; 721 and 723 9th Av, 5 years..... 19,000

RUBENSTEIN, Sampson, to Charlotte R. Smith; s s of 104th St, 200 ft e of 2d Av, 5 years..... 9,000

SCHAEFER, Mary, to Marcus Nathan; w s of 3d Av, 120.5 ft s of 165th St, 1 year..... 20,000

SCHAFER, Mary, to Marcus Nathan; w s of 3d Av, 120.5 ft s of 165th St, 1 year..... 20,000

SCHORDING, Franz, to Henry Bruning; n s of 43d St, 250 ft w of 9th Av, 3¼ years..... 1,500

SCHULTZ, Frederick William, to Albert F. Gescheidt, as guardian; w s of Burke Av, 100 ft s of Jefferson Av, Edenwald, 3 years..... 1,000

SERR, Elise, to the Title Guarantee and Trust Company; 333 East 18th St, 3 years..... 10,000

SETTZER, Gustave, to the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank; 324 East 61st St, 1 year..... 9,000

SETZER, Gustave, to the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank; 322 East 61st St, 1 year..... 9,000

SLATER, Joseph P., to Matilda Weil and others, executors; 20 Chrystie St, 5 years 28,000

STANTON, Edwin B., to Joseph Stickney; e s of White Plains Road, parcel of 25½ acres, adjoining land of Verhagen, 2 years..... 78,000

STANTON, Edwin B., to Oscar V. Pitman; e s of White Plains Road, parcel of 25½ acres, adjoining land of Verhagen, 2 years..... 6,000

TAYLOR, Alfred J., and William D. Peck to Union Dime Savings Institution; w s of Aqueduct Av, 150.9 ft n of 183d St, 3 years..... 5,000

TAYLOR, Alfred J., and William D. Peck to Union Dime Savings Institution; w s of Aqueduct Av, 100.9 ft n of 183d St, 3 years..... 5,000

TURNER, William C., to Jacob D. Butler; s s of 145th St, 300 ft w of Amsterdam Av, 7 months..... 26,160

WEATHERLEY, John S., to the Title Guarantee and Trust Company; 16 West 39th St, 3 years..... 10,000

WHITEHEAD, John,

MISS TYSON SAYS SHE IS SANE.

Her Counsel Seeks to Have Her Discharged from a Sanitarium.

Miss Jessie Tyson, who has been confined in the St. Xavier Sanitarium, at Inwood, since February last, was produced in the Supreme Court yesterday before Justice Freedman on a writ of habeas corpus, with a view to obtaining her freedom. Miss Tyson presented herself at the institution in February, asking for admittance as she did not feel well, and two weeks later on an application accompanied by the certificates of two physicians, she was committed to the institution by Justice Bischoff.

Miss Tyson's counsel asked for her discharge on the ground that the commitment was unconstitutional, as no hearing had been afforded his client before Justice Bischoff, and that as she is now perfectly sane no reason prevails for her detention.

Counsel for the institution held that, as she had been regularly committed, the Board of Managers alone could decide as to the fitness for her discharge. Justice Freedman said the case should be decided before a jury after they had had medical experts before them, but announced he would pass upon the legal points raised before giving a decision.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT, SOUTHern District of New York.—WAKEFIELD INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS, complainant, against THE FAIRPOINT MANUFACTURING COMPANY, defendant.

Notice is hereby given that by decree duly made and filed herein, on the 8th day of February, 1898, the undersigned were duly appointed receivers of all the assets of the FAIRPOINT MANUFACTURING COMPANY, within the Southern District of New York, and that we have duly qualified as such and do require:

First—All persons indebted to said corporation, within said district, to render an account to us of all debts and sums of money owing by them respectively, and to pay the same to us at our office, No. 45 Cedar Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 16th day of April, 1898.

Second—All persons in said district having in their possession any property and effects of said corporation, to deliver the same to us at the place above named, on or before the said 16th day of April, 1898.

Third—All creditors of the said corporation who may be entitled to payment out of the assets thereof, within the Southern District of New York, to render a statement of their respective claims, with proper vouchers in support thereof, at the place above named, on or before the said 16th day of April, 1898.

Dated New York, March 1st, 1898.

JOHN J. TOWNSEND,
CLARENCE A. COOK,
Receivers.

MASTEN & NICHOLS, Solicitors for Receivers, 49 Wall Street, New York. mh2-2aw6w

IN BANKRUPTCY.—In the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of New York.—In the matter of WILLIAM J. LEEDS and CHARLES A. HUNTER, bankrupts.

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said court by WILLIAM J. LEEDS of the City of New York, in said district, duly declared a bankrupt under the Act of Congress of March 2, 1867, and of the Revised Statutes of the United States, title "Bankruptcy," for a discharge and certificate thereof from all his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the twenty-first day of April, 1898, at three o'clock P. M., at the office of Isaac Dayton, Register in Bankruptcy, No. 5 Beekman Street, in the City of New York, is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest may attend, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.

Dated New York, on the twenty-eighth day of March, 1898. SAMUEL H. LYMAN, Clerk. mh30-1aw3w

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New York.—In the matter of WILLIAM J. LEEDS and CHARLES A. HUNTER, bankrupts.—In bankruptcy.

Southern District of New York, ss:

At a Court of New York, the twenty-eighth day of March, 1898, the undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate and effects of WILLIAM J. LEEDS and CHARLES A. HUNTER of the City of New York, in said district, who were on the twenty-third day of August, A. D. 1888, adjudged bankrupts, upon their own petition, by the District Court of the United States for the said Southern District of New York.

ROBERT A. B. DAYTON, Assignee. mh30-1aw3w

REFEREES' NOTICES.

71 WEST 102ND STREET, NEW YORK CITY.—New York Supreme Court, County of New York.—LEOPOLD GUSTHEAD and Frederic J. Middlebrook, as Executors of and Trustees under the last will and testament of CARRIE RIDLEY, deceased, plaintiffs, against FRIEDA HART, et al., defendants.

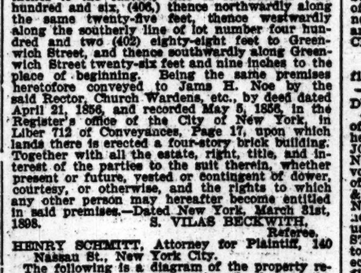
In pursuance of a judgment of foreclosure and sale, duly made and entered in the above-entitled action and bearing date the 28th day of March, 1898, I, the undersigned, referee in said judgment named, will sell at public auction, at the New York Real Estate Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New York, on the twenty-seventh day of April, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon on that day, by Peter F. Meyer, auctioneer, the premises described in the said judgment as follows:

All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land, situate, lying, and being in the City of New York, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Downing Street, distant one hundred and fifty-four feet (154 ft.) one and three-quarter inches (1¾ ins.) westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Downing Street with the westerly side of Bedford Street; running thence southerly and parallel with Bedford Street, ninety-eight feet ten inches, (98 ft. 10 ins.) thence westerly twenty-eight feet nine and one-half inches, (28 ft. 9½ ins.) thence northerly and parallel with Bedford Street, ninety-one feet one inch (91 ft. 1 in.) to the southerly side of Downing Street, and thence easterly along the same, twenty-seven feet ten and one-quarter inches (27 ft. 10¼ ins.) to the point or place of beginning, be the said several dimensions more or less. The westerly wall of said premises being a party wall.—Dated New York, March 9, 1898.

THOMAS C. KINNEY, Referee.

HARRISON & BYRD, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 39 Wall Street, New York.

The following is a diagram of the property referred to in the foregoing notice of sale, and the street number is 71 Downing Street:

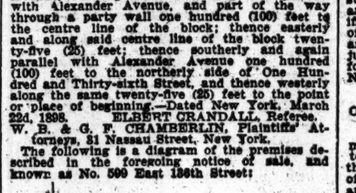


The approximate amount of the lien or charge to satisfy which the property is to be sold, inclusive of costs and allowance, is $15,189.49, with interest thereon from March 11th, 1898. The approximate amount of the taxes, assessments, and water rates, with interest to the date fixed for sale, is $2,956.38, and $406.66.

ELBERT CRANDALL, Referee.

W. B. & G. F. CHAMBERLIN, Plaintiffs' Attorneys, 31 Nassau Street, New York.

The following is a diagram of the premises described in the foregoing notice of sale, and known as No. 599 East 136th Street:



The approximate amount of the lien or charge to satisfy which the property is to be sold, inclusive of costs and allowance, is $15,189.49, with interest thereon from March 11th, 1898. The approximate amount of the taxes, assessments, and water rates, with interest to the date fixed for sale is $260.00.

ELBERT CRANDALL, Referee.

W. B. & G. F. CHAMBERLIN, Plaintiffs' Attorneys, 31 Nassau Street, New York.

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT.—J. HERBERT CARPENTER and another, Trustees, &c., plaintiffs, against JAMES T. BARRY and others, defendants.—Action No. 2.

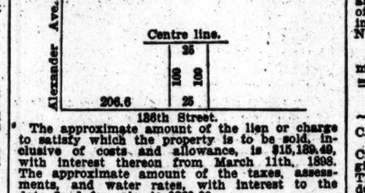
In pursuance of a judgment of foreclosure and sale made and entered in the above-entitled action, and bearing date the 21st day of March, 1898, I, the undersigned, the referee in said judgment named, will sell at public auction at the New York Real Estate Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on the 15th day of April, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon of that day, by Peter F. Meyer, auctioneer, the premises in said judgment mentioned and described therein as follows:

All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land, with the building and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying, and being in the City of New York, and bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at a point in the northerly side of One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Street distant two hundred and six (206) feet and six (6) inches easterly from the northeasterly corner of said street and Alexander Avenue; running thence northerly and parallel with Alexander Avenue, and part of the way through a party wall one hundred (100) feet to the centre line of the block; thence easterly and along said centre line of the block twenty-five (25) feet; thence southerly and again parallel with Alexander Avenue one hundred (100) feet to the northerly side of One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Street, and thence westerly along the same twenty-five (25) feet to the point or place of beginning.—Dated New York, March 22d, 1898.

ELBERT CRANDALL, Referee.

W. B. & G. F. CHAMBERLIN, Plaintiffs' Attorneys, 31 Nassau Street, New York.

The following is a diagram of the premises described in the foregoing notice of sale, and known as No. 599 East 136th Street:



The approximate amount of the lien or charge to satisfy which the property is to be sold, inclusive of costs and allowance, is $15,189.49, with interest thereon from March 11th, 1898. The approximate amount of the taxes, assessments, and water rates, with interest to the date fixed for sale, is $260.00.

ELBERT CRANDALL, Referee.

W. B. & G. F. CHAMBERLIN, Plaintiffs' Attorneys, 31 Nassau Street, New York.

SUPREME COURT.—New York County.—JOSEPHINE H. HUBBARD, plaintiff, against MARY L. HOUSLEY and others, defendants.

In pursuance of an interlocutory judgment of partition and sale bearing date the 24th day of February, 1898, and entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York on the 29th day of March, 1898, I, the undersigned, referee in said judgment named, will sell at public auction at the New York Real Estate Auction Rooms, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, on Thursday, the 28th day of April, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon on that day, by William M. Ryan, auctioneer, the premises described in said judgment as follows:

All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in the Third Ward of the City of New York, being part of the lands heretofore of the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of the Trinity Church in the City of New York, distinguished on a map or chart of such part thereof as is commonly called the Church Farm by number four hundred and three (403) and bounded as follows: Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Greenwich Street, distant fifty-three feet from the corner formed by its intersection with the northerly side of Murray Street, running thence eastwardly along a lot known on the said map by the number four hundred and four (404) seventy-nine feet and nine inches to the westerly side of Washington Street; thence northwardly along the same twenty-five feet, thence westwardly along the southerly line of lot number four hundred and two (402) eighty-eight feet to Greenwich Street, and thence southwardly along Greenwich Street twenty-six feet and nine inches to the place of beginning. Being the same premises heretofore conveyed to Jams H. Noe by the said Rector, Church Wardens, etc., by deed dated April 21, 1856, and recorded May 1, 1856, in the Register's office of the City of New York, in Liber 712 of Conveyances, Page 17, upon which lands there is erected a four-story brick building. Together with all the estate, right, title, and interest of the parties to the suit therein, whether present or future, vested or contingent of dower, courtesy, or otherwise, and the rights to which any other person may hereafter become entitled in said premises.—Dated New York, March 31st, 1898.

S. VILAS BECKWITH, Referee.

HENRY SCHMITT, Attorney for Plaintiff, 140 Nassau St., New York City.

The following is a diagram of the property referred to in the foregoing notice of sale, and the street number is what is No. 275 Greenwich Street.

Note.—The following are the approximate amounts of the taxes, water rents, or other liens or charges upon the premises above described:

Taxes for 1897.....$399.00 and interest
Water rate, Aug. 3, 1896, to March 4, 1898..... 60 cents

Dated New York, March 31st, 1898.

S. VILAS BECKWITH, Referee.

SUPREME COURT.—City and County of New York.—GEORGE H. BYRD, plaintiff, against SAMUEL W. B. SMITH and others, defendants.—In pursuance of a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly made and entered in the above-entitled action, and bearing date the 9th day of March, 1898, I, the undersigned, the referee in said judgment named, will sell at public auction at the New York Real Estate Auction Rooms, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, on the 21st day of March, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon of that day, by Thompson & Pryor, auctioneers, the premises in said judgment mentioned and therein described as follows:

All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in the Third Ward of the City of New York, being part of the lands heretofore of the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of the Trinity Church in the City of New York, distinguished on a map or chart of such part thereof as is commonly called the Church Farm by number four hundred and three (403) and bounded as follows: Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Greenwich Street, distant fifty-three feet from the corner formed by its intersection with the northerly side of Murray Street, running thence eastwardly along a lot known on the said map by the number four hundred and four (404) seventy-nine feet and nine inches to the westerly side of Washington Street; thence northwardly along the same twenty-five feet, thence westwardly along the southerly line of lot number four hundred and two (402) eighty-eight feet to Greenwich Street, and thence southwardly along Greenwich Street twenty-six feet and nine inches to the place of beginning. Being the same premises heretofore conveyed to James H. Noe by the said Rector, Church Wardens, etc., by deed dated April 21, 1856, and recorded May 1, 1856, in the Register's office of the City of New York, in Liber 712 of Conveyances, Page 17, upon which lands there is erected a four-story brick building. Together with all the estate, right, title, and interest of the parties to the suit therein, whether present or future, vested or contingent of dower, courtesy, or otherwise, and the rights to which any other person may hereafter become entitled in said premises.—Dated New York, March 31st, 1898.

S. VILAS BECKWITH, Referee.

HENRY SCHMITT, Attorney for Plaintiff, 140 Nassau St., New York City.

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THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE

Brooklyn Assistants of the Corporation Counsel Sharply Criticised by the Mayor.

RICHMOND TEACHERS' MONEY

Their January Salaries Voted, but Appropriation for the Administrative Department of the Borough School Board Refused.

Mayor Van Wyck was not in a genial mood yesterday when he called the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to order at 11 o'clock. He criticised sharply the conduct of affairs by the Brooklyn assistants to the Corporation Counsel, and differed with Controller Coler on several minor matters. When consideration was asked for a resolution to pay school salaries in Richmond he criticised the Board of Education and flatly refused to vote an appropriation to pay the administrative department of the Borough School Board. He, however, voted funds to pay the salaries of the school teachers and janitors for February.

Franklin C. Vitt, Secretary of the Borough Board, presented a communication asking that the salaries of the department for February be paid. He explained that prior to consolidation each of the twenty-nine schools in the present borough was paid by a special assessment fixed by the taxpayers of the district. The money to pay all the salaries—nearly $200,000—has been collected and is now in the Treasury of the City of New York. No salaries have been paid since December, and the teachers and others have been compelled to sue for their January salaries.

"I'll vote to pay the salaries of the teachers," said the Mayor. "Let me look at your detailed statement."

John T. Burke, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the borough board, said the detailed statement he had prepared was in the hands of the Finance Committee of the Board of Education. A messenger was sent for it, and it showed that there were no increases, as the Mayor suspected, and that the salaries were graded upon those paid prior to February.

Must Have the Complete Estimate.

"I will vote to pay the teachers and janitors," said the Mayor, "but not the Secretary and his assistant and the Superintendent and his associate. I want to know if they are needed, and what there is for them to do. In any event, I will not vote another dollar to the schools until the whole estimate of the Board of Education is before us. I recognize the injustice that is being done the teachers and others, but we are not responsible. Three months have passed since this administration took office, and we cannot get a statement from the Board of Education."

Mr. Coler said he was informed the full budget of the board would be ready in a day or two, and the Mayor said it was the first encouraging word he had heard from that board. After a little more discussion $1,104.62 was appropriated for the Nautical School, $14,758.99 for salaries of teachers, $514.60 for compulsory education, and $1,421.82 for pay of janitors, a total of $17,800.09 for Richmond schools for the month of February.

Controller Coler reported a resolution carrying appropriations aggregating $232,056. One item was $80,000 for jurors' fees in Kings County, one for $30,000 to cover a water contract in Flatbush, one for $5,000 for widows and orphans of volunteer firemen in Brooklyn, and $5,000 for jurors' fees in Richmond.

"Who knows anything about that water contract?" asked the Mayor.

"The total is made up of items in former budgets," explained Mr. Coler, "and the Corporation Counsel has decided that we must reappropriate all that money."

"Well, I want a detailed report," said the Mayor, "and I move to refer the matter to the Corporation Counsel for investigation."

Mr. Coler flushed. "They have been before the Corporation Counsel already," he said, "and if we are to refer them again we should ask some specific question."

"All right," said the Mayor; "frame the question."

Mr. Coler said he had no questions to ask, but the Mayor's motion prevailed on the water contract and several smaller items. In all, $112,065 of the $232,056 was appropriated, including $8,400 to make good the deficiency in the Brooklyn Police Pension Fund.

A resolution to appropriate $75,000 for advertising, which included $1,600 arrears from 1897, was adopted, minus the $1,600.

Commissioner McCartney of the Department of Street Cleaning obtained a transfer of $50,000 to remove the snow and $30,000 for new stock.

Illegal Appointments.

A letter from Fire Commissioner Scannell about the pay of firemen in old Long Island City opened a discussion about the rights of the extra policemen and firemen appointed in the small towns of Queens and Richmond just before consolidation. The Mayor suggested that the Corporation Counsel investigate the subject, and Mr. Whalen said he had already decided that all such appointments were illegal.

"I should like to know," said the Mayor, "what sort of assistants you have in Brooklyn. One of those extra policemen applied for a mandamus to get on the city force, and when the case was called in court your assistant, Mr. Carr, said he had no defense. In another case one of your Brooklyn assistants appeared in court with an allegation of fraud in the appointment of a Rockaway policeman, and in court admitted that he had no proof of his statement. I want you to look into those matters. If the city has any defense in those suits we want them defended. I have perfect confidence in your integrity and judgment, but you must look after your assistants."

Commissioner McCartney sent to the board an amendment to a resolution passed in December, 1895, at the request of Col. Waring. The amendment was tabled for future action, but adopted, it will do away with the system of increased pay for continuous service and will permit the reemployment of former employes at the highest grade.

Commissioner Kearney of the Department of Public Buildings, Lighting, and Supplies asked for $12,000 to convert the old Prince Street Police Station into a municipal courthouse, and the board told him to get an estimate for the work, and then to apply for the money to pay for it.

THE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Routine Business Transacted by the Council and Board of Aldermen.

The Municipal Assembly had nothing but routine business to transact at yesterday's meeting. The usual number of permits for ornamental lamp posts, street awnings, and storm doors were granted by the Council, and a resolution to abrogate the right to grant such permits was referred to the Law Committee. Councilman Christman offered the resolution. He said he thought the heads of the different departments might safely be trusted to issue such permits, and he saw no necessity to burden the Aldermen and Councilmen with those matters. President Gunzenheimer, in ordering the resolution to the Law Committee, said he doubted if the Council could free itself from the responsibilities put upon it by the charter.

In the Board of Aldermen for the first time there was complete harmony. A resolution blocked by the New York Aldermen Monday to recommend an appropriation of $106,000 for street lights in Brooklyn was passed by a vote of 48 to 1, and the resolution appropriating the salaries of the Coroners' clerks, which the Brooklyn Aldermen declined to approve last week, was adopted by 50 yeas to 2 nays.

Grand Army Men Thank Mr. Brady.

Commissioner Brady of the Department of Buildings yesterday received a letter from President Goulden of the Memorial Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, informing him that at a meeting of the committee on March 7 a resolution was unanimously passed thanking Mr. Brady for his generous treatment of Grand Army men in his department, and "for that high and patriotic consideration which he has at all times accorded to them."

Old Commissioners Have No Case.

Notice was received yesterday by the Assistant Commissioners that the Attorney General has refused to bring an action to reinstate the Commissioners removed by Mayor Van Wyck when he assumed office. The Attorney General has decided that the charter in the general removal clause authorized the removals.

Civil Service Examinations.

The Civil Service Commissioners have announced these dates for examinations: Tomorrow, topographical draughtsman; Monday, April 11, Deputy Tax Commissioner; Tuesday, April 12, transitman; Wednesday, April 13, medical examiner in the office of the Municipal Civil Service Commission; Friday, April 15, leveler; Tuesday, April 19, chainman and rodman, and Friday, April 22, axeman.

LEGAL NOTES.

CONSTRUCTION OF NATHAN CLARK'S WILL.—An interesting and elaborate opinion was given by Justice Freedman, in the Supreme Court Special Term, yesterday, in a suit brought by Nathan Clark and others against Harrison Clark and others, for the construction of the will of Nathan Clark, in reference to certain trusts created by it. Mr. Clark, who died in May last, left two sons, Harrison and Nathan, as his only heirs. In the second clause of his will he directed that $20,000 be set apart and held in trust for his grandson, Harrison Clark, Jr., until he arrived at the age of thirty years, when the principal was directed to be paid over to him, with the additions thereto. The remainder of the estate was directed to be divided into two equal parts, one of which was to go immediately to the testator's son Nathan, and the other half was directed to be set apart in trust for the benefit of his son Harrison and the latter's family, the income to be paid over to them, in the discretion of the trustees. The property which is the subject of both trusts consists entirely of personalty. Justice Freedman holds that these two trusts, when each is considered in its entirety, are in contravention of the statute forbidding the suspension of absolute ownership for more than two lives in being. After expressing his views in reference to carrying out the intention of the testator, Justice Freedman decides that the proper course would be to allow the trustees to act according to their conscience in carrying out a liberal construction of the will which would validate and carry into effect at least the main part of the scheme of the testator, and yet not violate the law of the State. The discretion of the trustees is to be subject at any time, on application of any of the parties interested, to review by the court.

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AGREEMENT TO PAY WIDOW HER DOWER.—Elizabeth H. Allyn, widow of Lewis Allyn, brought an action in the Supreme Court, Monroe County, against Lillarene Hopkins, as executrix of Adella R. Hopkins, a deceased daughter, to recover upon an agreement executed by the daughter, in which she promised to pay to her mother one year from the death of the latter's husband the value of the widow's dower interest in premises which she and her husband had at the same time conveyed to the daughter. The object, as set forth in the deed, was to release the mother's dower right in such premises as against mortgages which the daughter and her husband had executed thereon. A judgment in favor of the defendant, upon the verdict of a jury rendered by the direction of the Court, has been unanimously reversed by the Fourth Appellate Division. The court held, by Justice Adams, that it was erroneous for the trial court, upon proof that the mortgages had been paid and discharged of record and that the widow was in occupation of the premises as devisee for life under the will of her daughter, to direct a verdict for the defendant, upon the ground that the purposes of the written agreement had been fulfilled. The jury in such a case, the Court said, should have been permitted to pass upon the question whether the agreement was ever delivered as a contract, and, if so, whether it was superseded by the deed.

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LIFE INSURANCE.—A reversal has been ordered by the Fourth Appellate Division of a judgment awarded to Elizabeth Heaphy on the verdict of a jury, in her suit against the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, to recover upon a policy of insurance issued upon the life of her son, Charles D. Heaphy. To one subdivision of the application for insurance, which it was stipulated should become part of the contract of insurance, it was claimed by plaintiff that what purported to be the signature of the insured was a forgery. In this subdivision it was stated that none of the insured's brothers or sisters had ever been afflicted with consumption, though it appeared on the trial that his brother and one of his sisters had died of consumption, of which the insured himself died within five months after the policy was issued. The Court held, in an opinion by Justice Adams, that where the question of the genuineness of the signature was presented, as here, upon the conflicting testimony of the beneficiary on the one side, and of the physician making the examination on the other, they being the only persons, other than the insured, since deceased, present when the signature was made, the testimony of an expert that the signature was genuine, corroborated by the Court's own examination of the signature and its comparison with a concededly genuine one, justified the setting aside of the verdict, based upon the theory that the signature was a forgery.

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DID WIFE OR HUSBAND AGREE TO PAY?—Seth D. Wilcox, who, in 1880, conveyed a farm in Camden, Oneida County, to Joel Howd, many years afterward brought suit in the Supreme Court against Louise A. Howd, the grantee's wife, the principal issue in the case being whether plaintiff, as he claimed, sold the farm to Mrs. Howd on her promising to pay $2,700, the purchase price, or to her husband. After evidence had been given on the trial before a referee, tending to show that the farm was purchased by the husband, and upon his individual promise to pay for it, several witnesses were called for the plaintiff to prove that Joel Howd, the husband, who was a Methodist minister, was entirely destitute of means, the inference sought to be conveyed being that plaintiff would not have conveyed the farm relying upon the promise of a person in his circumstances for payment. Among these witnesses was Harmon Howd, a brother of Joel, who, against defendant's objection, was permitted to detail a conversation with Joel, where the latter stated that he found it impossible to live on the salary upon which he was dependent, and another brother detailed a conversation in which Joel admitted that he was unable to pay for the farm. A judgment given in favor of the plaintiff has been reversed by the Fourth Appellate Division on the ground that these declarations of defendant's husband, not a party to the action, and not made in her presence nor assented to by her, were inadmissible.

THE EASTCHESTER ELECTION.

Mr. Masterton Secures an Order for a Recount of Votes.

Lawyer Bates of Bronxville, representing Alexander Masterton, the Republican candidate for Supervisor of the town of East Chester, at the election for town officers on March 29, yesterday obtained from Justice Van Wyck, in Brooklyn, an order requiring the Board of Canvassers of East Chester to show cause at Brooklyn to-morrow why a writ of mandamus should not issue directing them to recount the votes cast in the Second District of said town. It is claimed in the affidavits upon which the order was obtained that in canvassing the votes for the office of Supervisor, the Board of Inspectors in the Second District counted for Herbert D. Lent, the Democratic candidate for that office, two ballots which were marked in such a way as to render them invalid, and that they rejected and refused to count for Mr. Masterton a ballot which ought to have been counted for him.

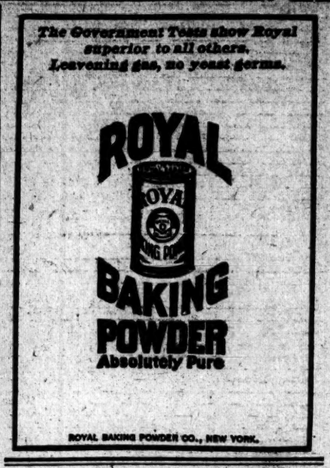
If it is decided that the position taken in the moving papers is correct, Mr. Masterton ought to have been declared elected by a majority of two votes. If he is declared elected, the board will be politically a tie.

Frost Said to be G. W. Curtiss.

The man who calls himself H. C. Frost and who was arrested ten days ago for attempting to rob the apartments of Mrs. Williams, on St. Nicholas Avenue, was arraigned yesterday in General Sessions, but on request of Capt. McClusky the case went over. Capt. McClusky said the man's real name is George W. Curtiss, prominent in Plainfield (N. J.) society some years ago. Curtiss pleaded guilty to having stolen $6,000 from the New England Company, at 52 Worth Street, in 1890, and was sentenced to seven years in Sing Sing. A young woman missionary became interested in his case, and he was pardoned by Gov. Flower April 9, 1894.

When "catching cold" it is safest to get a doctor's prescription. One of the best of these is JAYNE'S EXPECTORANT.—Adv.

The Government Tests show Royal superior to all others. Leavening gas, no yeast germs.



ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Resolution Making Good Friday a Holiday Rescinded by the Governors.

A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

Brokers Say that It Will Go Far Toward Averting a Bull or Bear Panic on Saturday—Yesterday's Prices.

The most significant and important happening in the Wall Street district since Feb. 15 last was the decision yesterday of the Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange that the business of the Exchange is not to be interfered with by Good Friday.

At the request of the members of the Exchange, the Governors had constituted April 8 a full holiday, as has been the unbroken custom for thirty-five years, although the members of the Cotton Exchange had foreshadowed its resolve to do business on that day. Yesterday, however, the members of the Stock Exchange voted to call upon the Governors to rescind the resolution making next Friday a holiday "because of the unsettled condition of affairs and the fact that the holiday would be followed by a half holiday with only two trading hours." The Governing Committee held a special meeting at the close of the Exchange and rescinded its resolution.

While no one would be quoted on the subject, it was admitted by many whose opinion is valued that very safe and timely action had been taken. Brokers who never pose as alarmists said that the keeping open of the Exchange on Good Friday would go far to avert a bull or bear panic on Saturday. Had the holiday been allowed it would have been next to impossible to prevent wild and precipitate dealings, with most disastrous results, in the two hours of Saturday trading, as, no matter what action Congress might take, Stock Exchange transactions would probably culminate in fervid and rash speculation on Thursday, and it would not be likely that dealings would be tided over from 3 P. M. April 7 to 10 A. M. April 11. Saturday would therefore find a volume of business impossible of proper and calm disposition between 10 A. M. and noon, and the dangers of such a situation could hardly be exaggerated. Such a condition of affairs would affect the Monday market and upset the financial district.

Produce Exchange May Follow Suit.

The decision of the Governors, of course, shapes the action of the banks and financial institutions, all of which will do business on Friday as on any other business day. The members of the Produce Exchange are to vote to-day on the question of closing on Friday. Judging from what was said on the floor of the Exchange yesterday, it is unlikely that those who would like a holiday will be gratified.

The action of the Stock Exchange Governors was fully warranted by the fitful temper of the stock market yesterday. It was not inaptly termed "dopey," as it was under the spell of the gravity of the Spanish situation and the general uncertainty of affairs, while the temptation to speculate with quick and magnificent reward in case of being "on the right side" was tremendous. That it was resisted by three-fourths of the speculators, and among them many giants of the street with practically unlimited command of funds, is evidenced by the narrowness of the dealings, less than 270,000 shares—a small business for some Saturdays. Such abstaining from speculation, it was argued, was simply damming back the speculative tide, and when it again runs it would be well to have a clear five hours of Exchange activity and not a two-fifths' day.

Movements of Quotations.

Only sixty-eight stocks were traded in. Of these, eight stood still—Atchison, Baltimore and Ohio, Bay State Gas, Columbus, Hocking Valley and Toledo, Wheeling and Lake Erie, Erie, and Lead common and preferred. Fifteen advanced, from American Spirits preferred, 3¼, to 20¼; Denver and Rio Grande preferred, 2¼, to 44, and Laclède Gas, 2, to 42, with smaller gains for Spirits common, Tobacco preferred, Canadian Pacific, Hawaiian Sugar, Metropolitan, Central of New Jersey, Northern American Company, Pacific Mail, Western, Pullman's, St. Louis and San Francisco preferred, Wabash preferred, and Western Union. Forty-five stocks scored net declines averaging almost exactly 1 point. But the only marked recessions were New York Air Brake Company, 6; Consolidated Gas, 3; Northwestern, 2; St. Joseph and Grand Island, 2; New York Central, 1⅞, and Manhattan, 1½. Taking these declines, 15½ points from the aggregate, 45¾ points, the other thirty-nine stocks lost but 30¼ points, an average of about three-fourths of a point.

In the dealings Sugar led with more than 78,000 shares. The other large transactions were Tobacco, 12,400 shares; Burlington, 25,000; St. Paul, 23,000; Manhattan, 16,000, and Union Pacific preferred, 27,000.

The bond sales of the day were $1,185,000, reflecting more investment interest than the stock market. Government bonds were dull at a decline in old and new fours of about one-half of 1 per cent. Call money rates were from 2 to 3 per cent. Sterling exchange was weak, with new gold engagements of $3,200,000 announced. The curb market was dull, with a recession of Standard Oil liquidating certificates to 356½ bid, 357½ asked.

MRS. TUCK WANTS HER DIVORCE.

Justice Smith Asked to Confirm the Report of the Referee.

Application was made to Justice Smith in the Supreme Court yesterday to confirm the report of J. R. Torrance, as referee, deciding that Mrs. Susette Virginia Tuck is entitled to a decree of absolute divorce from her husband, Shirley Richardson Tuck, against whom she had made a statutory charge.

The plaintiff, who is the daughter of Dr. Maynard, a prominent physician, married the defendant July 30, 1897, after an acquaintance of two days. Tuck is the son of Dr. Henry Tuck, one of the Trustees of the New York Life Insurance Company. Mrs. Tuck, in her complaint, alleges that he deserted her after they had been married two weeks and went to Europe. Justice Smith reserved decision.

STRAY PIGEONS WANT OWNERS.

Two with Tags Attached Found in New Jersey and Connecticut.

Fitch's Home for Soldiers and Soldiers' Hospital of Connecticut, at Noroton Heights, Conn., reported yesterday that a pigeon, bearing a metal band on which was the number K 14,727, was found there last Saturday, exhausted and famished. The bird, which had evidently lost his bearings, and which appeared to have had a long flight, was captured, and will be cared for, in the hope that its owner can be found.

During yesterday's storm a pigeon, well-nigh exhausted, fluttered through an open window of the storehouse at the Snake Hill Almshouse, near Jersey City. It was found to be a carrier, and under its wing was a tag, on which was inscribed "No. 25,247 K." It is now in charge of Warden Ryan, awaiting an owner.

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COACHING PARTY IN A WRECK.

J. F. Baudouine, with Three Friends and Attendants, Hurt in a Collision with a Trolley Car.

A coaching party, the guests of John F. Baudouine, the well-known whip of 318 West Seventy-second Street, while returning from a trip to Larchmont Monday evening, met with a serious accident at Third Avenue and One Hundred and Forty-fourth Street, which will necessitate the confinement of all to their homes for several days. The party, in addition to Mr. Baudouine, was composed of his brother Charles, the latter's wife, H. E. Smith of Newark, N. J.; three footmen, and the guard, all of whom were seated on the top of the coach.

The coach was bowling down Third Avenue at a merry clip when a trolley car of the Union Railway line was seen approaching a block away. The guard promptly blew his horn, to give warning, but the motorman, Philip Reilly, according to Mr. Baudouine, seemed to put on greater speed, and the car struck the coach in the middle with such force that the car was derailed and the coach upset, throwing the entire party to the ground. John Baudouine and Mr. Smith were rendered unconscious, and the others were more or less seriously injured and shaken up.

An ambulance was quickly summoned from Fordham Hospital, but by the time it had arrived Mr. Baudouine and Mr. Smith had regained consciousness and refused to go to the hospital. It was found that in addition to several scalp wounds, Mr. Baudouine and Mr. Smith had been injured internally, while Mrs. Baudouine received an injury to her back.

In speaking of the affair yesterday, Mr. Baudouine said:

"It was a most dastardly act, and I shall certainly prosecute the railroad company. It is a wonder we were not all killed."

A BIG THEFT ALLEGED.

C. Edward Dowling Under Arrest in Buffalo for Stealing from the Rock Island Railroad.

C. Edward Dowling was arrested in Buffalo yesterday on a warrant issued by Police Magistrate Simms of this city, for stealing blank stock certificates of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, and blank railroad passes.

Before Dowling's arrest District Attorney Gardiner was informed that if the fugitive found an opportunity to forge the blank certificates he would be likely to flood Wall Street with them. The case was laid before the District Attorney by George P. Boggs, assistant Treasurer and assistant Secretary of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, who said that Dowling had been in the employ of the railroad temporarily as a stenographer.

Dowling disappeared last Wednesday. Before he went away he said he had secured a position as assistant paymaster in the navy, and that it was absolutely necessary for him to make a hurried departure or he might lose the place.

The next morning Detective Pearson of Jersey City informed Mr. Boggs that the stenographer had left the house of Louis H. Broome, 363 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, where he had been staying. The detective also said that he had found a canceled stock certificate and a railroad pass in Dowling's room, and that the man was suspected of stealing a pair of diamond earrings from the house. The certificate he had found was of stock No. A 28,271, dated Aug. 1, 1894, in the name of William Turnbull for 100 shares. The pass was B, 97, which was filled out in the name of J. C. Watkins, and was from Chicago to Colorado Springs. According to Mr. Boggs, it was filled out in Dowling's handwriting.

There are missing from the railroad company's office blank certificates Nos. A 41,991 to 42,000, for 100 shares, which bear the signature of W. G. Purdy, the company's Vice President, and blank passes Nos. B 95, 96, 98, and 99.

Mr. Boggs said that the missing blank certificates properly filled out would represent $100,000.

PROPERTY OWNERS PROTEST.

Indignant at the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street Assessment.

A mass meeting of property owners to protest against the assessment levied for the widening of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street, from Third Avenue east to the Harlem River, was held last evening in Metropolis Hall, One Hundred and Forty-second Street and Third Avenue. There were about fifty persons present, representing over $1,000,000 worth of property, and all of them were highly indignant because of the amount of the assessment—$987,000—and the area assessed. They were loud in their denunciation of the Commissioners of Assessment, Fordham Morris, George J. Grossman, and M. Arrowsmith.

It was hinted that something was wrong, as the property most benefited by the improvement, namely, the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, had been dodged. The area assessed runs from the Harlem River to the southern boundary of Mott's Iron Foundry, then the boundary line trends in a northeasterly direction, just escaping the property of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, to the Southern Boulevard; then north along Alexander Avenue to One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street; east on One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street to Brook Avenue, again grazing the railroad company's property, returning west on One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street to Alexander Avenue, and north upon Alexander Avenue to One Hundred and Forty-third Street; then west on One Hundred and Forty-third Street to Morris Avenue, and north on Morris Avenue to One Hundred and Forty-ninth Street, and westerly through One Hundred and Forty-ninth Street to the Harlem River.

L. W. Seavey was elected Chairman. It was finally decided to draft a protest against the levying of the assessment on the principal grounds that it is excessive and unjust. A committee was appointed to appear before the Commissioners on April 14, when a final hearing will be held.

Among the property owners upon whom have been levied the heaviest assessment are August Belmont & Co., $66,000; Wilson Adams & Co., lumber dealers, $50,000; Jordan L. Mott, iron foundry, $44,000, and the Rider estate, $13,000. Another mass meeting will be held previous to the hearing on April 14.

False Story About Art Students.

William M. Chase of the Chase School of Art made a statement yesterday that he had investigated the report published in an afternoon newspaper about a week ago to the effect that the girls of his school had sent a vulgar and insulting message to President McKinley. He declares that no message of any sort was sent to the President, and that his pupils did not even hold a meeting as described.

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CASE OF CLERK GLASER

Justice Cohen Decides that He Is Exempt from State Civil Service Regulations.

JUDGE VAN BRUNT'S POSITION

He Holds, Also, that Such Appointments Are Within the Scope of the Law—Secretary Angle's Opinion.

A decision, which, it is said, will be far-reaching in its effects as establishing the status of Deputy County Clerks appointed by the Appellate Division, was handed down in the Supreme Court yesterday by Justice Cohen, in which he directs the issuance of a peremptory writ of mandamus directing Controller Bird S. Coler to place the name of Ferdinand Glaser upon the pay roll of the County Clerk, or upon such pay roll as is properly placed the name of an assistant to the Special Deputy Clerk of the County Clerk for Special Term, Part III., of the Supreme Court of the First Judicial District. The decision is a victory for the Appellate Division over the Civil Service Commission of the State of New York, and directs also that the Controller draw his warrant for $168.66, being Glaser's salary for the month of February.

It appears that Glaser was appointed by the Appellate Division Jan. 24, after an examination conducted by one of the Justices, which one does not appear, to the place formerly held by Nicholas J. Hayes, the Tammany leader in the Thirty-third Assembly District, the appointment to date from Feb. 1, at a salary fixed by the Justices under the laws of 1895. Glaser was subject to the supervision of the County Clerk and of the Special Deputy Clerk of Part III.

Notwithstanding this, Glaser's name was only placed on the roll on March 1, and afterward stricken out by the Controller, acting under the direction of Clarence B. Angle, Secretary of the Civil Service Commission of the State, who held that Glaser's name should not be placed on the rolls as an appointee until he had obtained a certificate and passed a competitive examination.

A significant part of the affidavit presented by F. W. Arnold, Glaser's counsel, is an attached letter from Chief Justice Van Brunt of the Appellate Division, dated March 7, to Secretary Angle, in which he states that the Appellate Division had appointed Glaser and that it understood that the Civil Service Commission, on July 22, 1896, resolved that it would not assume jurisdiction over county officers named in Section 1, Article X., of the Constitution. Justice Van Brunt says that these deputies are a part of the personnel of the County Clerk's office and under his supervision, though, under the law, appointed for him by the Appellate Division.

To this letter Secretary Angle replied, in effect, that the Supreme Court is looked upon as a State court and its employes are subject to civil service rules.

In deciding the question and granting the mandamus Justice Cohen says:

"It seems that Glaser's contention is sound. The County Clerk is a county officer, and the relator is one of his assistants and is his representative in Part III., Special Term, and there receives fees on behalf of the county and is their custodian until he hands them over to the County Clerk, his superior. The power of appointment given by the statute to the Appellate Division was probably granted by the Legislature so that the personnel of the County Clerk's assistants might in no event be objectionable to the court where the assistant is a representative of the Clerk of the county."

Justice Cohen then quotes from the report of the commission, and says it appears that in 1895 it did not assume jurisdiction. The County Clerk, he says, has representatives in twenty different courts, as it is physically impossible for him to do the work himself, and the question is therefore one of confidential relations. Concluding, he says:

"This question of trust and confidence is so purely a personal question that it is not practicable that such a representative should be selected by examination. I am of the opinion that the relator comes within the exemption."

It was said yesterday that, while the commission desired the highest authority to pass upon the question, there would probably be no appeal, on account of the indicated position of Chief Justice Van Brunt, and supposedly of the whole Appellate Division.

Bellwood Gets Six Years.

William A. Bellwood, otherwise known as Louis Alfred Balensi, who was convicted a few days ago of swindling William E. Marcus & Co., jewelers of Union Square, out of several thousand dollars' worth of diamonds, was sentenced by Judge Newburger in General Sessions yesterday to six years in State prison. There were at least a dozen lawyers in court relative to the disposition of the jewelry that Bellwood had pawned, and there was a long discussion on this matter. The Judge reserved decision as to its disposition.

J. S. Lee Now Sought for Theft.

David Hayman, manager of "The Foundling" company, made complaint to Deputy Assistant District Attorney O'Reilly yesterday that James S. Lee, who was arrested last week on suspicion of causing the death of Laura Boothe, had stolen the receipts of the company for the week of March 19 last, amounting to about $700. Later Mr. Hayman swore out a warrant for Lee's arrest. The accused man could not be found at his home, and a search of several hours failed to reveal his whereabouts.

Workman Meets Peculiar Death.

Benedetto Angino, a mosaic layer, met with a peculiar death yesterday afternoon while riding in a temporary elevator in the Washington Life Insurance Company's new building, at Broadway and Liberty Street. While returning to his work on an upper floor a plank which became dislodged on the seventeenth floor fell down the shaft, striking Angino and killing him instantly. Ten other men in the car escaped uninjured.

Answer to a Correspondent.

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THE FEAST OF PASSOVER.

Will Be Ushered In at Sundown This Evening, and Will Continue for Eight Days.

The Jewish Passover, or the Feast of Unleavened Bread, will be ushered in at sundown to-day. It will be universally observed by orthodox Jews for eight days and by their reformed and Palestinian brethren for seven days. With the former, however, only the first and last two days are actual holidays, and with the latter only the first and last, the intervening days being only semi-festivals, on which all manner of work may be performed. During the entire duration of the festival food that contains leaven in any form is prohibited, and the usual bread will be supplanted by the round, flat cakes called Matzoth.

In the orthodox houses preparations for the festival have been going on for the past week. Every nook and corner has been cleaned, and utensils, furniture, and all contents of the rooms have been thoroughly overhauled. The final arrangements for the Passover will be made to-day. Dishes and cooking utensils that have been in use during the past year will be carefully stowed away, to be resurrected only after the eight days have passed. Shortly before sundown the final ceremony of "burning the leaven" will take place. The master of the household will make a tour through the different rooms, equipped with a dustpan, brush, and a candle. He will search, with the aid of the candle, for any crumbs or pieces of leavened food that may accidentally have remained, and will brush them carefully into his dustpan, after which he will burn them in the yard of the house.

After sundown the ceremony of the "Seder" will take place. This consists of an elaborate meal, provided with peculiar dishes, commemorative of certain incidents of the exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt. The story of the exodus will be read in the original Hebrew, and feasting and rejoicing will continue until long after midnight.

The reform Jews celebrate the Passover with less ceremony, but special services will be held in all the temples this evening and to-morrow.

EDWARD G. WARD CHOSEN.

He Succeeds William H. Maxwell as Borough Superintendent of Brooklyn Schools.

At yesterday's meeting of the Brooklyn School Board a resolution was adopted protesting against the bill increasing the salaries of teachers. The protest will be submitted to Gov. Black. Henry P. Schmidt, in speaking on the motion, made an attack on school teachers for buttonholing members of the Board of Education in order to get their support for such measures, but President Swanstrom thumped his desk with the gavel and called Mr. Schmidt to order.

The election of Superintendent Maxwell's successor as Borough Superintendent then took place. Associate Superintendent Edward G. Ward and Associate Superintendent John H. Walsh were nominated. Mr. Ward received 34 votes to 8 for Mr. Walsh. On motion of Col. John Y. Culyer the term of office was fixed at six years and the salary at $6,000 per annum. For Associate Superintendent in place of Mr. Ward Principal William T. Vlymen of School No. 5 was unanimously chosen. He is to serve six years and will receive $4,500 per annum.

Henry W. Maxwell then announced that a strong effort would be made to get the Board of Estimate to allow Brooklyn two more Associate Superintendents, making five in all, and asked that every member use "whatever influence he may have upon the Board of Estimate."

Permission was granted the Naval Reserve to use the old Hanson Place armory, which belongs to the board, as a temporary armory. A petition from M. Louise Emmons of the Red Cross Society for leave to put boxes for Cuban contributions in the schools was referred to the Law Committee.

Edward G. Ward, the new Superintendent, was born in Brooklyn fifty years ago. At seventeen he was Vice Principal of a grammar school in Hoboken, N. J., and soon after became Principal of Grammar School No. 1, Bergen, N. J. He was subsequently instructor in mathematics and grammar in the Jersey City Normal School, and in 1879 became Principal of Grammar School No. 19, in Brooklyn. In 1885 he was elected Associate Superintendent, which office he has held ever since. He is the author of two successful textbooks.

William T. Vlymen is a graduate of Princeton, with the degrees of A. B. and A. M. He was for four years head master of Latin and Greek in the Arnold School of Manhattan. In 1886 he was appointed an instructor in the old Central Grammar School of Brooklyn, and in the following year became Principal of Public School No. 5, of which he was the head until his promotion yesterday.

GET-TOGETHER CLUB MEETS.

The Problem of the Unemployed Discussed in Pratt Institute.

The April meeting of the Get-Together Club that was held last evening in Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, was well attended, but it was preceded by a dinner to which some 150 of the members and invited guests sat down.

Major Avery D. Andrews was Chairman, and after coffee had been served, A. C. Bedford of the Committee of Direction made an address of welcome, and introduced Major Andrews, who in the course of his remarks said there was a close connection between education and the problem of the unemployed.

Secretary F. B. Pratt of the institute spoke on "Technical Education." Philip T. Dodge spoke on "Invention and Non-Employment," and remarked that if the Church wanted to keep its hold on the working people it would have to concern itself more with their interests and not merely with denominational differences.

Henry White, Secretary of the United Garment Workers, the next speaker, made an address on organized labor. He believed the troubles that existed in the labor world from the large number of unemployed could be solved to a great extent by the reduction of the hours of labor, which would create a call for more laborers. The other speakers were E. T. Devine, on "Organized Charity," and J. W. Kjelgaard, on "Labor Bureaus and Vacant Lot Farms."

Attributes Accident to No. 13.

George S. Tillotson, a Division Superintendent of Construction on the new Croton Dam north of Sing Sing was badly crushed yesterday by a falling bucket. Tillotson is No. 13 on the department pay roll, and is very superstitious. He was hurt once before, and then petitioned the Commissioners to change his number. Secretary Walker said yesterday if he recovered his number should be changed.

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